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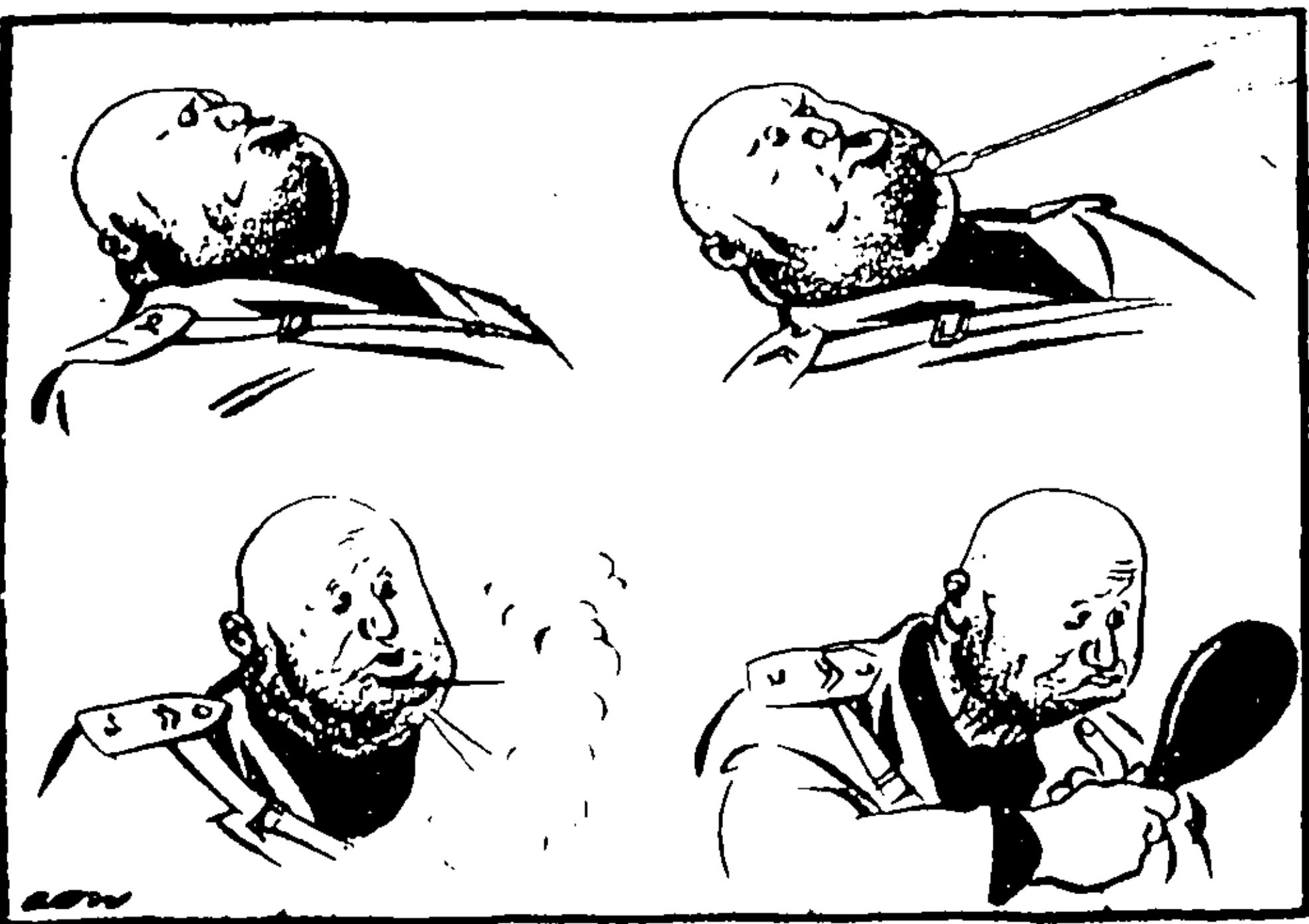
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## GERMAN FIGHTER SQUADRONS FORCED TO MOVE

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

THE R.A.F. FIGHTER SWEEPS OVER OCCUPIED FRANCE ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE MET WITH SO LITTLE FIGHTER OPPOSITION FOR TWO REASONS —

Because they surprised the German air force and because it is probable that a number of German fighter squadrons have been forced to move back from their indifferently surfaced advanced aerodromes.

A senior officer of the R.A.F. also stated in London yesterday that it was the opinion of Air Marshal Sir Richard Peirse, operational leader of the R.A.F. offensive, that the lulls in the air in the past fortnight, particularly at night, have been due to the phenomenonally bad weather over most of north-west Europe.

Suggestions that the Nazi lull in defensive as well as offensive

action is due to energy being conserved for a "knock-out" blow are discounted in London. Weather conditions have grounded the Luftwaffe squadrons attacking Britain which are based entirely at advanced aerodromes outside Germany.

### Huge Estimate

I gather that estimates that Germany has a fleet of 18,000 aircraft ready to launch an invasion, with another 18,000 in reserve, have not dismayed the British authorities.

THE TOTAL OF FRONT-LINE NAZI PLANES AVAILABLE FOR ANY MAJOR ONSLAUGHT IS BELIEVED IN WELL-INFORMED QUARTERS TO BE BUT A PROPORTION OF 18,000. —REUTER.

## NUISANCE RAIDS ON LONDON

Raids were made by several enemy aircraft flying singly over the east and southeast coasts during yesterday morning and afternoon.

Bombs were dropped at several places in London, East Anglia and Kent.

Some damage was done and a small number of people killed in a Kent coast town.

An enemy bomber was shot down by R.A.F. fighters over the Essex coast in the afternoon.

Reports from various sources suggest that all the crew of the destroyed German bomber perished.

Over London the raiders indulged in indiscriminate bombing and the raids generally appeared to have no particular objective beyond creating a nuisance. —Reuter.

## TRIPOLI AIR BASE STRAFED

Castel Benito — important Italian base in Tripoli — and environs were very heavily and successfully bombed yesterday by the R.A.F., states a Cairo communique.

The raid took place in the early hours and several tons of high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped.

At least seven enemy aircraft on the ground on the aerodrome were destroyed by fire.

Direct hits were scored on a large hangar and buildings which

# ADMIRAL DARLAN GOES TO PARIS FOR FATEFUL TALKS

IT WAS OFFICIALLY announced in Vichy yesterday that Admiral Darlan had left for Paris, the announcement crowning a day of conflicting rumours in connection with his intentions and whereabouts.

During yesterday morning the Swiss radio stated that Admiral Darlan had gone to Paris, a statement which was supported later by Budapest radio.

Budapest radio added that Admiral Darlan had been informed by the German authorities that further conversations would be useless until Vichy clearly realised the position created by the establishment of the Rassemblement National Populaire—the Nazi-inspired party in occupied France rivaling Marshal Petain.

Subsequent reports suggested that Admiral Darlan hoped to find a mean between the Vichy Government and the new National Party.

The success or otherwise of Admiral Darlan's efforts in Paris may conceivably have an important bearing on immediate European developments.—Reuter.

### Vichy In Fighting Mood

The leaders of the new Nazi-inspired National Party in Paris were attacked last night by Lyons radio, which was emphatic that the party had no connection with the organisation of the national revolution formed under the patronage of Marshal Petain.

"We are obliged to place on record the qualities of the men who form this assembly.

"Among them are Goy and Rivolet, who ceaselessly opposed the Marshal's Government. The presence will also be noted of de

## GERMAN BOMBS KILL ITALIANS

A large number of Italian prisoners lost their lives when a merchantman evacuating prisoners from the Libyan coast was attacked by two enemy planes, believed to be German, an Admiralty communique stated in London yesterday.

The ship, which was attacked on Friday, January 31, was hit and sustained some damage.—Reuter.

Loncle, head of the Cagoulards (Hooded Men).

"FINALLY THE SUPPORT OF A NUMBER OF FREEMASONS MAY BE NOTED."—REUTER.

## Japs. Dig Up New Life Line

IT IS SELF-EVIDENT THAT JAPAN WILL GO FORWARD WITH HER FIXED POLICY WHATEVER ATTITUDE THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES MAY TAKE TOWARDS JAPAN'S REQUEST FOR COOPERATION IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPHERE OF COMMON PROSPERITY THROUGHOUT GREATER EAST ASIA, STATED THE "KOKUMIN SHIMBUN" IN TOKYO YESTERDAY.

The paper was commenting on the statement of Mr. Naoki Hoshino, president of the Planning Board and Minister without Portfolio.

"Establishment of a sphere of common prosperity throughout greater East Asia could not be completed without incorporating the South Sea region," Mr. Hoshino declared in reply to an interpellation at a committee meeting in the House of Representatives.

He hinted that the South Sea region forms Japan's "life-line." —Reuter.

were set afire.

In addition other R.A.F. planes machine-gunned motor transport on the west of the aerodrome and on the main road near Zanfur, causing considerable damage.

All R.A.F. planes returned safely.—Reuter.

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# Air Force Blasting A Way For Wavell Army

ROADS BETWEEN Derna and Benghazi, in Libya, were strafed on Sunday by R.A.F. bombers and fighters, while 25 miles south-west of Appollonia troops and lorries were machine-gunned at Slonta. Thirteen lorries were destroyed.

This is revealed in an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo which adds that other attacks on motor transport were made at Maraua and on the road between that place and Gubba.

The aerodrome at Appollonia was attacked and three Ghiblis (twin-engined general purpose monoplanes) and one Caproni bomber destroyed.

Here also troops and transport were effectively machine-gunned.

One Fiat biplane fighter was shot down at Cirene, 10 miles south of Appollonia.

On Saturday the South African Air Force bombed enemy emplacements in East Africa.

## Barentu Bombed

Supporting the army offensive the R.A.F. made diving attacks on fort buildings at Barentu, which was hit by several bombs. Others fell among a concentration of motor transport where at least 50 vehicles were rendered unserviceable.

West of Asmara, another concentration of motor vehicles were attacked while direct hits were scored on the road.

A Savoia bomber was shot down at Agordat and during the whole of these operations only one British aircraft failed to return safely.—Reuter.

## STOCK MARKET QUIETLY FIRM

The London Stock Exchange was quietly firm yesterday apart from gilt-edged and Indian stocks eased in late dealings. Good demand for home rails was the chief feature while Kaffirs were firmly held despite the reported Johannesburg incidents. Diamonds and oils improved, as well as Ja-

## WILLKIE FINDS HIS ANSWER

Mr. Wendell Willkie's sixty-minute tour of the bomb-damaged area of Manchester included some of the most enthusiastic scenes there for many years.

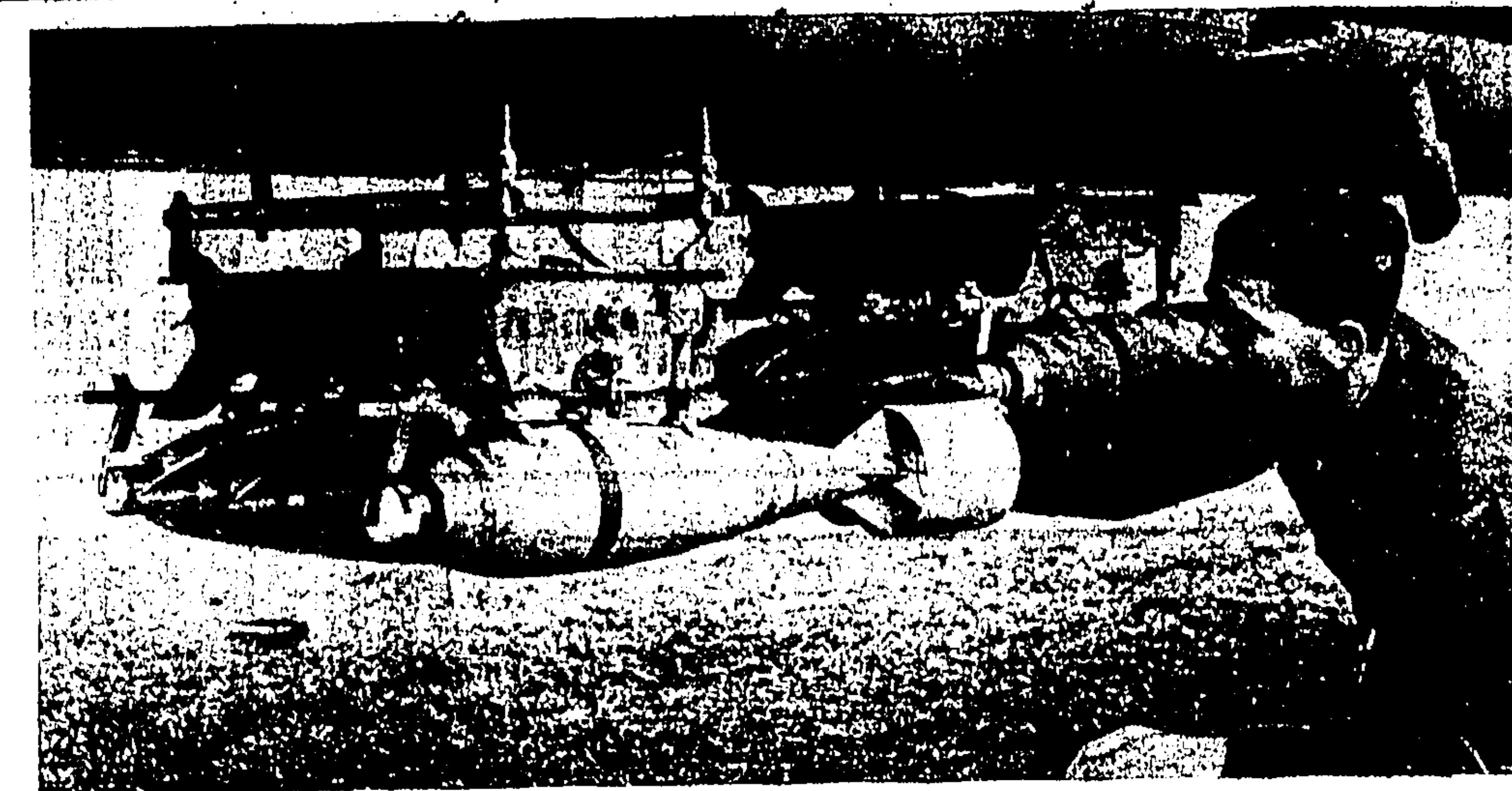
Dense crowds stopped his car time and again and the police bodyguard had to be augmented to save him from being mobbed by admirers.

He told a reporter: "I have found the answer to the question I set out to ask," referring to the hundreds of people with whom he had spoken.

"The people's spirit is magnificent. I don't believe any nation in the world is more united in a cause than the people of the British Isles."

Mr. Willkie said he was more impressed by what was still being produced by industry than by damage done.—Reuter.

panese bonds, while further small speculative buying of Europeans was seen. Wall Street was irregular.—Reuter.



The Armorer loading a Blenheim of the Coastal Command with small bombs used for attacking enemy escort vessels, prior to taking off for Denmark. (Copyright, Fox).

## ALL SOUTHERN ITALY DECLARED A WAR ZONE

Mussolini has declared the whole of southern Italy a war zone and has placed it under martial law, according to Greek press reports quoted by Athens radio last night, says Reuter.

## GREEKS PUSH ON IN RAIN

Greek troops, defying heavy rain, on the whole front scored new successes yesterday, according to a Press Ministry statement broadcast by Athens radio last night.

The statement says the Greek forces increased their relentless pressure on the Italian positions on the central front.

Greek heavy guns maintained a ceaseless fire on dominant points of the line recently captured from the enemy.

Local surprise attacks upon Italian posts on various sectors of the front resulted in the capture of sentries without a shot being fired.

Mopping up operations in the mountains north of Klissoura have been completed, and the last vestige of Italian resistance was eliminated without any serious effort.

### Way Open

The obstacles overcome by the Greek troops now open the way for action on a wider scale.

After the disasters they suffered on the previous days, the Italians refrained from any offensive action on Monday, except against one height beyond Klissoura where they launched 12 consecutive attacks, all of which were repulsed with bloody losses to the enemy.—Reuter.

## EMPIRE FLYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

The British and Empire flyweight boxing championship title was at stake in a fight at Nottingham last night between Jackie Paterson (Glasgow), the holder, and Paddy Ryan (Manchester).

Paterson won in the eighth round, the referee stopping the fight.—Reuter.

## R.A.F. BOMBERS GIVING LIKE LIKE FOR LIKE

"THE PEOPLE OF THIS country have withstood the German onslaught with magnificent courage but they can feel that the Bomber Command is giving like for like," said a senior R.A.F. officer yesterday in a talk with pressmen in London.

"The Germans in the past have gone into the ring and put their heavyweights up against bantams and lightweights.

"Doubtless it was very amusing but Germany won't find it so amusing, but more deadly, when they realise they are in the ring with another heavyweight."

"I think the Bomber Command has already developed a very good straight left and they are busy strengthening up a very formidable right."

Dealing with the "sweep" of the French coast by British fighters the officer explained that when the Germans carried the attack into Great Britain we fought it out in this country but

"as we get stronger so we will lean out and attack the Germans on their side of the Channel and carry the battle into his country, so to speak, and show him quite clearly that he cannot wander about our southern counties."—Reuter.

## JERRY'S GOOD DEED

A Kent poultry-farmer recently lost many hens to a mysterious night raider, and, having called in the help of the local experts, decided that the culprit was a badger.

A hunt was arranged and traps were set, but the thief was too smart for his enemies and, until Jerry took an unconscious hand in the game, got away.

One night a time-bomb was dropped in one of the farm fields. When it exploded some time later, the crater was found to be much smaller at the top than at the bottom, making a perfect "bottle."

Next morning the farmer found that his enemy the badger had fallen into the hole!

## CANADIANS TO FORM TANK DIVISION

The Canadian Government will spend over \$100,000,000 during the 1941/42 fiscal year to form and equip an armoured division and tank brigade to reinforce the Canadian Corps overseas, stated Colonel Ralston, National Defence Minister, at a press conference in Ottawa yesterday.—Reuter.

## AMBULANCE "LIKE A CATTLE-TRUCK"

An ambulance described as "like a cattle truck", which turned healthy passengers in it almost into hospital cases, and a patient into "practically a corpse," is annoying people in a West Country district.

Strong condemnation of this ambulance was expressed at a meeting of the East Dean (Glos) Parish Council.

The chairman explained that the ambulance was privately owned, but a retaining fee and mileage allowance were paid by the Council.

He told of a complaint by a woman who, with her daughter, accompanied her sick husband in the ambulance to the Gloucester Infirmary.

"By the time they got there," he said, "the two women were nearly the patients, while the man was practically a corpse."

After another member of the Council had said the ambulance was "like a cattle-truck at the start," and had been complained about on its first journey, the Council urged the scrapping of the vehicle.

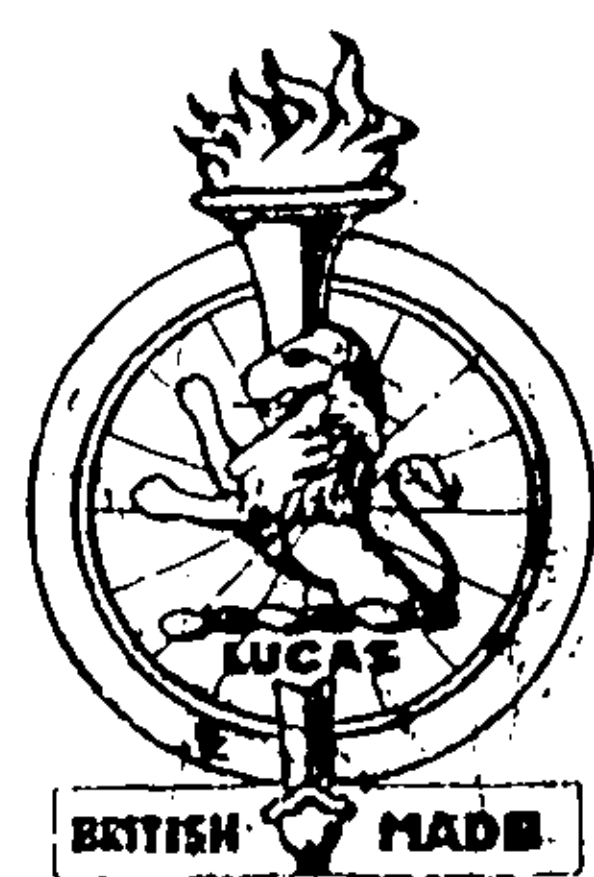
## PRISON FOR LOOTING

A lot of looting is being done by respectable and otherwise honest people who are tempted on the spur of the moment, said Mr. Ronald Powell, the Westminster Magistrate.

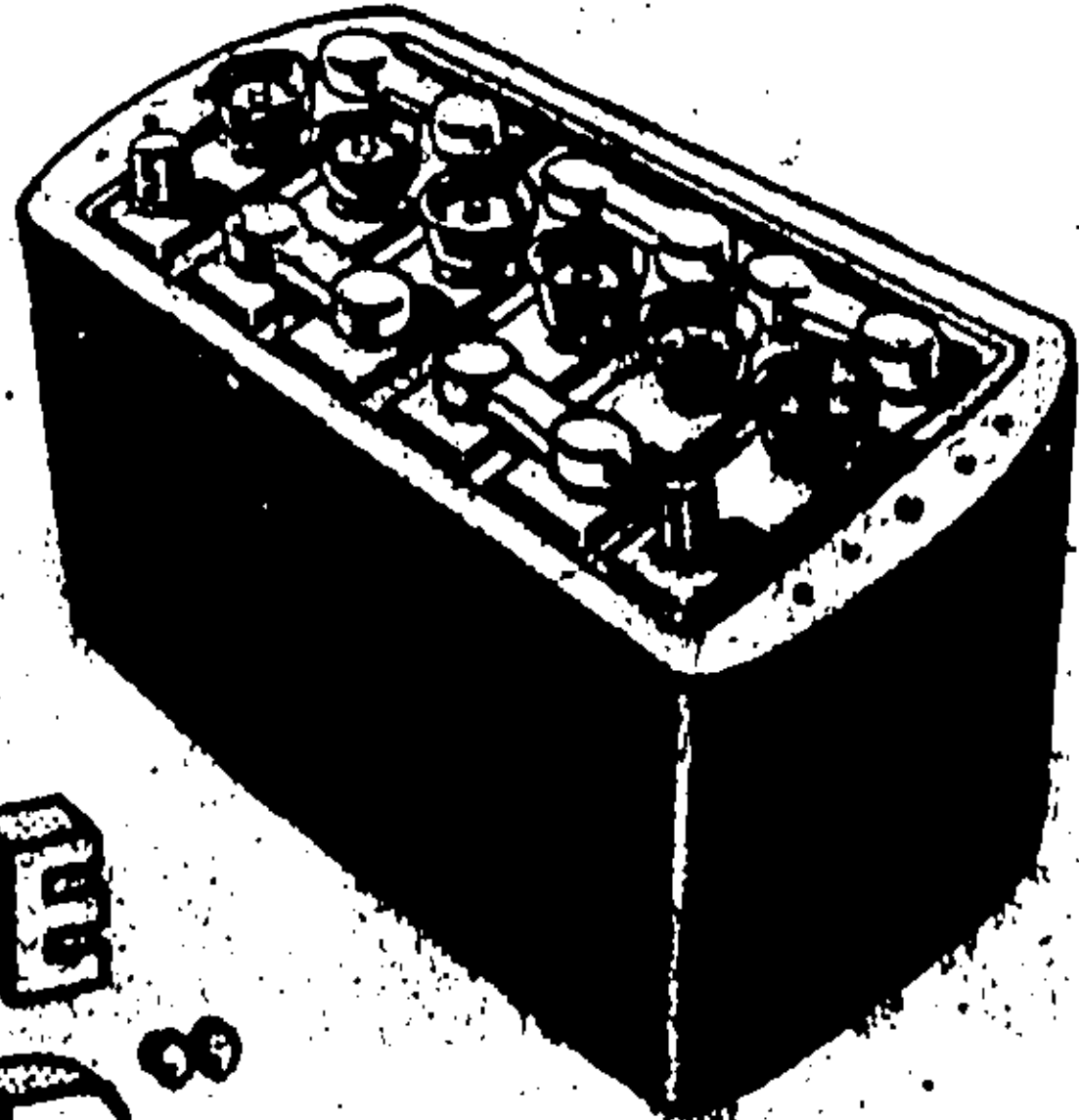
He sentenced William Charles Mitchell (58), caretaker, of Little College Street, S. W., to 21 days imprisonment for stealing the tins of preserved food worth 6d. from premises damaged by enemy action.

For Mitchell, it was said, he picked up the tins out of "curiosity" and had no intention of stealing.

The Magistrate said: "I think right to give a warning that intend to treat cases of looting with the severity they demand."



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# JAPANESE POLICY ALL ADRIFT

## Masterly Review Of Long Road With No Right Turning

A SPECIAL ARTICLE IN THE LONDON "TIMES" YESTERDAY, ENTITLED "JAPANESE POLICY ADRIFT," SUMS UP THE TREND OF JAPANESE FOREIGN POLICY IN RECENT YEARS.

The article says that when, on the night of September 18, 1931, Japan in Manchuria set out on the long road which so far has shown no turning, her leaders acquired a certain dexterity in persuading the Japanese public, and to a lesser extent the world, that effect usually precedes cause.

First they shaped the shadows which events cast before them and then created the events themselves, and by that process ultimately proved, at any rate to their own satisfaction, the justice of the action which they thereupon felt inevitably called to take.

At the time of the Manchurian incident the world was caught napping, not yet alive to the new technique which has since become a commonplace.

Even Hitler did not disdain to borrow from the Japanese when he began to be threatened by small nations and overran them in self-defence.

The Manchurian incident was also responsible for the formation of the habit of inventing militant slogans.

In 1931 much was heard of the "30,000,000 oppressed people of Manchuria."

### Ready Tongues

Round figures roll readily off the tongues of Japanese orators.

But in due course the feeling of oppression was alleged to have removed from 30,000,000 Manchurians and one began to hear a good deal about the oppressed millions of China, who ran much larger but nevertheless less the figures were round.

Is it entirely without significance that we are now beginning to hear of the oppressed peoples of Indo-China, Malaya, Burma, etc., (in round figures), groaning under the yoke of the white man?

### Gratuitous Aspersions

The recent speech of the Japanese Foreign Minister before the Diet was full of slogans. Mr. Matsuoka had not gone very far before he quite gratuitously alleged that accounts of Italian reverses (which the Italians themselves admitted) were malicious propaganda.

He was cordial to the Axis, placatory to the Soviet Union, formally friendly to the South American States and vaguely menacing to Indo-China, Thailand and the Netherlands East Indies.

But the real significance of the speech was that there emerged the unmistakable shadow of "encirclement" by the British Empire and the U.S.A. One can almost hear the voice of Germany.

### Will Believe Anything

The British Empire, engaged in the greatest struggle of all time with a powerful and tenacious foe, and the U.S.A., whose main publicly declared endeavour is to assist the Empire in the struggle, can nevertheless spare the time and trouble to encircle Japan.

It is hardly credible but any one who believes Germany, and there is some reason to suppose that the leaders of Japan to-day do, will believe anything.

Is the shadow of encirclement the shadow which precedes events and is the event in its turn the shape which will call action just and inevitable?

### Suicidal Course

It would all be in accordance with the technique described in

the first paragraph of this article, yet it seems hardly credible that Japan would resort to so disastrous and suicidal a course.

The war of 1914-18 offered unparalleled opportunities for expansion of trade. As a signatory of the Treaty of Versailles (a fact conveniently overlooked by both Germany and Japan to-day) Japan benefitted from the fruits of victory and secured among other things a mandate over the German Marshall and Caroline Islands, details of whose administrations and developments she has been curiously reluctant to divulge to the world at large for some time past.

As a result of the enormous sacrifice of blood and treasure by the Allies, compared with which the drain on Japan's own resources was infinitesimal, she enjoyed years of great prosperity, peace and ordered government, and growing world trade.

### The Great Slump

The speculative tendency of Japanese finance meant that the great slump of 1929 struck Japan even more severely than most other nations but the fashion was not then so prevalent of blaming others for one's own ills and until the autumn of 1931 Japan pursued a sane if arduous policy of trying to restore her trade and financial position by normal means.

She did more: she pursued an inevitably right policy of trying to cultivate Chinese friendship. This was the only way she could hope to secure that large share of the Chinese market to which close proximity to cheap manufactures would entitle her.

But the long record of Sino-Japanese animosity, dating particularly from the war of 1894-5 and from the Twenty-One Demands in 1915, was not easily eradicated.

The virtues of patient perseverance, which won Japan the respect of other countries in bygone days, tended to be obscured during the rapid rise of a nation of ambitious materialism.

### "Short Cuts"

This gave certain elements of the army an opportunity in September, 1931, to attempt a short cut to prosperity, and Japan was launched upon the path of aggression, as opposed to that of conciliation and settlement of disputes by force instead of negotiation.

When Manchuria had fallen and a puppet regime established, it became clear as early as 1933 that China proper, or at any rate North China, formed the next stepping stone to expansion.

The hostilities begun in 1937 have continued nearly four years, have caused countless suffering to millions of people, and have led to the occupation of all China's ports and many great cities, but have not yet brought

Japan what she sought nor altered the will of the Chinese people to be masters of their own destiny.

### Seeking A Scapegoat

The Japanese public did not suppose for a moment that the campaign against China would be anything but a short and glorious affair.

To explain the prolongation of the conflict it became necessary to lay the blame on somebody and while many were blamed the fashion grew for portraying Great Britain as the chief villain of the piece.

This was more natural because Britain has wider interests and associations in China than any other power. Her elimination, therefore, was the primary objective in the eventual elimination of all western influence from China.

### Vigour Of Resistance

While the sympathy of the British people has in the main been with the Chinese, and while, like other countries, Britain has rendered certain material assistance, neither sympathy nor such limited assistance would itself have been responsible for the vigour of Chinese resistance.

For this Japan can claim the credit. By her action in attempting to dominate China she aroused in the Chinese nation a unity, will to resist and combative power which had never previously been seen in a normally peace-loving people.

What Japan aroused she now seeks to quell and it is perhaps not surprising that she seeks to lay the blame elsewhere. With an apparent impasse in China, the war in Europe appeared to present possibilities to Japan. During the preliminary inactivity she was content to remain passive but when, at the end of June, 1940, Germany could claim to have overrun and conquered Poland, Denmark, Holland, Norway, Belgium, Luxembourg and France, there was surely proof, if ever proof was needed, that aggression does pay.

Japan changed her government and the new government, of which Mr. Matsuoka has been the spokesman, after a little preliminary hesitation, signed a pact with Germany and Italy openly ranging Japan with Britain's enemies and threatening the U.S.A. if she dared to intervene.

### Japan Shocked

It was perhaps a pity that already by the time the pact was signed it had become apparent that the immediate overthrow of Great Britain promised by Hitler to the world at large, and to Japan in particular, was unlikely. This fact became patent and at the same time the U.S.A. displayed most lively and apparently unexpected reactions to the pact.

There was indeed a degree of hesitation in Japan and the world was puzzled to learn one moment that the pact did not mean what it said, and the next that it meant precisely that.

But Germany, at hand, whispered in Japan's ear that all was well, that the U.S.A. was not ready for war and could be frightened with a few study threats and that Britain's destruction was deferred only to make it more effective.

### What Germany Wants

What Germany said and is saying to Japan is that if she will take her courage in both hands all she covets lies in her grasp.

What Germany wants is Japan to become embroiled in the

war as the service thereby rendered Germany would be obvious.

But, if in the event Japan should not win, that does not matter for Germany, for at worst all three Powers would have been weakened and it is no part of the Hitlerian plan that Japan occupy an equal place with Germany in the new world order. It is as a pawn not as a partner that she is destined to play her new role.

From Mr. Matsuoka's speech Germany may well judge that her blandishments have not been in vain. At first sight the speech would appear to contain threats against the security not only of Indo-China, Thailand and the Netherlands East Indies but also Britain and the U.S.A.

### A Tall Order

It is a tall order and if Japan elects to attack there is such a thing as a vigorous and resolute defence with all those weapons of modern war to which Mr. Matsuoka referred and with which Japan is yet unfamiliar.

The real threats of Mr. Matsuoka were not against the security of the countries mentioned but against the peace, prosperity, happiness and welfare of the Japanese people.

After ten years of conquest which brought them neither spiritual nor material well-being, after a struggle in which lives were lost and deprivations suffered to no purpose they are being exhorted to believe that aggression is a good investment and although it has not paid dividends hitherto a further effort, more capital outlay and sacrifice will bring them not only dividends but a substantial bonus.

### Hypnotised

Such cynical disregard of human values might come from Hitler himself. But it comes from those leaders in Japan who believe in Germany's star and are hypnotised by it.

That their frenzied finance and bad politics may now push the people to irretrievable disaster means nothing.

Germany has spoken and what a German says must be true.

It is a solemn thought that not many decades ago, great men led Japan to greatness.

Ito, Yamatata, Okuma and Saionji were names with which

### IDLE DANISH SHIPS MAY BE RELEASED

Thirty-eight Danish ships, totalling over 250,000 tons, now idle in American ports, may, if the United States Government approves, carry cargoes to Britain, says the New York "World Telegram" yesterday.

Twenty other ships in South American ports may be released, the paper adds. — Reuter.

to conjure.

Such men may have had dreams of empire but they did not suffer the folly of grandeur nor did they seek blindly for imperfect friends.

Though in the course of half a century they transformed a feudal state into a modern nation they did not plunge their country into a reckless adventure nor cry "encirclement." They spoke the voice of Japan. That is why Japan rested on a solid foundation.

### Impenetrable Barrier

But slumbering volcanoes have always been there and have been in eruption ten years. The forces of restraint have been weakened and the molten tide flows destructively onwards.

Will it not, sooner or later, reach an impenetrable barrier against which it will pile itself in vain?

The eruption will then cease and the surface cool, but underneath will lie the ruins of a thousand years.—Reuter.

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# South Africans Now Ten Miles Inside Abyssinia

THE SUCCESS OF THE South African forces is described in an official communique issued in Nairobi yesterday.

It says: "South African forces have occupied Italian posts at El Gumu and Gorai, 10 miles inside the Abyssinian border."

"The Italians lost two officers and 43 banda (native levies) killed and three officers and 50 banda taken prisoner, together with machine-guns, rifles, arms and ammunition."

"Our casualties were very slight."

"After this success the capture of the post of Hobok, seven miles north of the border, and west of Gorai, was reported."

"Active patrolling continues in other sectors." — Reuter.

## The Occupation Of Barentu In Eritrea

The British occupation of Barentu, in Eritrea, and continuance of the British pursuit of the enemy in Abyssinia are recorded in a communique issued in Cairo yesterday as follows:

Libya: Preparations for continuation of our advance from Derna are proceeding.

Eritrea: As a result of our operations the enemy have evacuated the town of Barentu, which we occupied on Sunday. Meanwhile in the northern sector our mechanized troops are pressing back the Italian forces which are withdrawing towards Keren.

Abyssinia: Our pursuit of the enemy forces retreating towards Gondar continues as a result of which the Italians have been obliged to abandon and destroy quantities of material and stores of all kinds.

South African forces have occupied two Italian frontier posts ten miles inside the enemy border of the Dukana front.

Italian Somaliland: Vigorous activity by our patrols continues, extending and deepening our penetration across the Italian frontier. — Reuter.

## BAIL TO SEE DYING MOTHER

Two brothers released on bail for a day to see their dying mother were granted further bail.

They are Samuel Cyril Baker, thirty-three, and his brother Herbert Gordon Baker, thirty-two, of Silvester Road, North Kensington, who were found guilty at London Sessions of receiving. It was stated that the mother had only a few days to live.

The magistrate, Mr. Eustace Fulton, said "Having regard to the conditions of your mother's health I think I shall be justified in letting you out on bail until next sessions."

Sentence was postponed to see if arrangements could be made for the men to join the Army.

## FISHERY DISPUTE TO END?

STEPS TOWARDS SETTLEMENT OF THE LONG-STANDING RUSSO-JAPANESE DISPUTE WERE TAKEN BY THE APPOINTMENT OF A JOINT SOVIET-JAPANESE COMMISSION CONSISTING OF 10 MEMBERS TO NEGOTIATE A LONG-TERM FISHERIES CONVENTION.

CONVERSATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN MOSCOW SHORTLY.—REUTER.

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## Jo'burg Enquiry

In the Union House of Assembly in Capetown yesterday General Smuts announced that a full enquiry would be held into the Johannesburg disturbances.

Compensation would be paid for damage done to property and disciplinary action would be taken by the military authorities.

General Smuts said he deeply deplored what had occurred. — Reuter.

## MERCHANT SHIP BILL APPROVED

The U.S. Senate yesterday passed a Bill providing for the construction of 200 merchant-ships for which President Roosevelt recently asked Congress.

The Bill has already been passed by the House of Representatives.

In his recent Message to Congress the President asked for \$313,000,000 to cover the cost of construction of these ships.—Reuter.

## WOMAN, 69, GAVE LIFE FOR GIRL, 20

"I STILL THINK this is a waste of time. I had much rather be in bed," said a London woman as she entered the family shelter.

Minutes later there was the sound of a plane and she flung herself across the body of her twenty-year-old granddaughter as a bomb screamed down outside.

The bomb crashed close to the shelter. The blast killed the woman, sixty-nine-year-old Mrs. Toomey, and her brother-in-law and seriously injured her husband. But the granddaughter, Miss Peggy Warburton, was rescued unhurt.

Her grandmother's body had taken the full force of the blast. Mrs. Toomey's daughter, Mrs.

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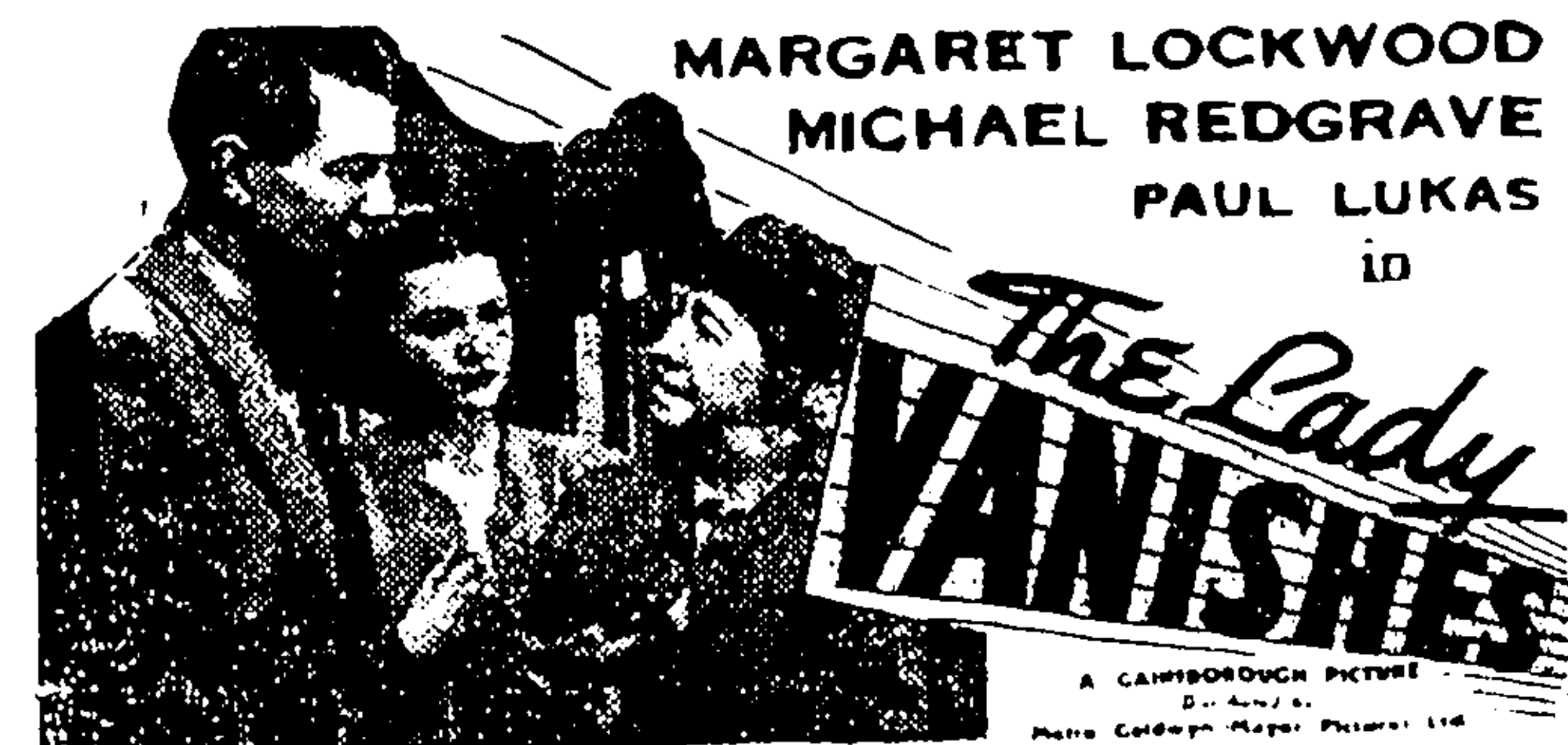


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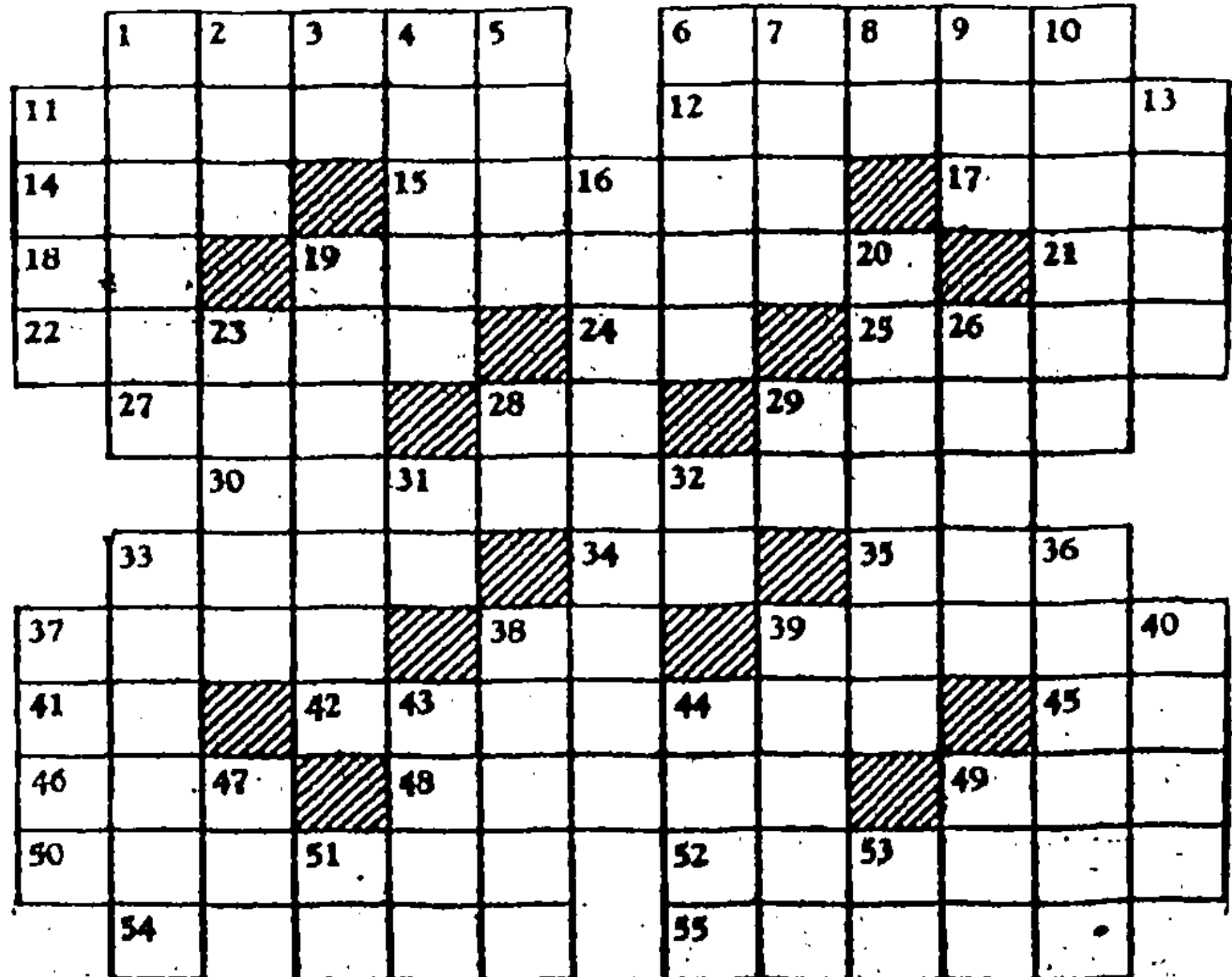
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- 17 To show defiance
- 18 By
- 19 To imagine
- 21 You and I
- 22 Remains
- 24 Hebrew letter
- 25 To affirm
- 27 Inlet
- 28 Musical syllable
- 29 Raised
- 30 Musketeers
- 33 Healing apparatus
- 34 Echoid
- 35 Pronoun
- 37 Plate
- 38 Symbol for calcium
- 39 Blagfish
- 41 Latin conjunction
- 42 Phase of the moon

**VERTICAL**

- 1 Trade
- 2 Norse goddess
- 3 Indian mulberry
- 4 Alone; stage direction
- 5 To stumble
- 6 Light boat
- 7 Cry of sorrow
- 8 Symbol for actinium
- 9 Masculine nickname
- 10 Sworn
- 11 To burn
- 13 Container
- 16 One who makes a legal plea
- 19 Steadfast
- 20 Pendant ornament
- 23 Filters
- 24 Roman goddess
- 25 Japanese measure
- 26 To exist
- 31 Symbol for samarium
- 32 Butterfly
- 33 One of two
- 34 Noiseless
- 37 Expensive
- 38 Irritable
- 39 To breathe noisily
- 40 To keep
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DO BOYS GET TOO MUCH TO SPEND?

Spending - Money allowances which parents make to their children should be regarded as "wages," to be reduced or withdrawn in the event of misbehaviour. This method of curbing juvenile delinquency is favoured by a Manchester woman Magistrate, Mrs. E. G. F. Birley.

Touch them in their pockets. It is the only way," she suggests. Inside a couple of hours four sets of parents received this advice from her.

Officials in juvenile courts are definitely of the opinion that increased pocket money does nothing to mend the ways of erring boys and girls. In the case of two brothers, just sent to an approved school, this experiment had been tried. Far from reforming, however, they went from bad to worse.

KITTEN LIVED IN BOMBED HOME

Visiting his home, which had been bombed a fortnight before, Mr. George Andrews, a Londoner, heard a cat mewing in the debris.

Pulling aside a heap of bricks Mr. Andrews found his kitten, Snowball, which he and his wife had given up for dead.

"Snowball was the only living creature to come out of the wrecked buildings," Mr. Andrews, now living at Lots Road, Chelsea, London, S.W., said.

"The houses were almost demolished, My brother-in-law and two other people in the flat above were killed. I have visited my old home several times, but have not seen a sign of the kitten.

"Snowball's head was trapped between two loose bricks.

"It is very thin and will only drink milk. It won't touch any solid food."

WIFE AS PIECE OF FURNITURE

A wife who stated that her husband treated her "more like a sister or a piece of furniture," was granted a decree nisi in the Divorce Court on the ground of desertion.

She is Mrs. Olive Lilian Wall of Ingleton Avenue, Welling, Kent, whose husband before marriage spent most of his life in a Jersey monastery.

The marriage was in 1931 and there are no children.

Mrs. Wall said her husband left her in January 1937.

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## A.R.P. BOY SAVES SIX IN CELLAR

"I'LL DO ME BEST." That's a man's motto — and one hard to live up to when danger is near and the call is for stone-cold courage. But Jackie Reynolds, eighteen-year-old A.R.P. messenger, said those four words and, unafraid, wormed his way through loose beams to save six people from a bomb-wrecked cellar.

Jackie lives at Edgbaston Road, Balsall Heath, Birmingham. The story of heroism was revealed in a letter from a Birmingham group warden. This is the letter:—

One night two houses were hit by a high explosive bomb. The incident was reported at the post by a warden two minutes later.

Eight people were trapped in the cellar of one house. We heard them calling to us through a hole on a level with the garden.

The big bay window frame, which had been blown out by the explosion, lay across it. I tore my torch into the cellar and counted six people and two dogs.

### The Loose Beam

The ceiling had collapsed at the far end, and at our end was held up only by a loose beam which looked like slipping at any moment.

Young Jackie Reynolds was by my side. He said: "Shall I go down? I can slip in quite easily." I told him he would be risking his life, but all he said was: "I'll do me best. Just tell me what to do."

He slithered down feet first and got busy in the light of several torches. He helped up the three people nearest to us, a man and two women.

We heaved them up, but the remaining three (two women, a man) and the two dogs were not going to be so easy.

The man was lying back in his invalid chair unconscious. His wife, a heavy woman, was face down on his lap, also unconscious, her feet hidden in the debris.

First we passed some water down to Jackie for the woman. It revived her a lot. Jackie talked away to her.

Now came his most delicate and difficult task. The woman was not so difficult, because she could at least walk, and he helped her up to us, but the man and wife were heavy.

I asked him if he could manage to roll them one at a time on to a sheet of corrugated iron if we let it down. He gave us the usual reply: "I'll do me best."

He passed the dog up first. Then we slid down the corrugated iron sheet, which he wedged firmly. Then I dropped the end of a rope down to him and told him to tie it firmly round the man's chest.

Jackie is not a strong lad. But again he said: "I'll do me best." After a hard struggle he managed to tie the rope and roll the man only a little on to the metal sheet.

While Jackie ruffled, we pulled the man from under his wife and so up to the opening. Jackie could not turn the woman over on her back, but he managed to get her head and chest on to the sheet.

### He Vanished

The woman was the sixth person Jackie had rescued, and it had taxed his strength severely.

But before he allowed himself to be helped up, he borrowed my torch to see if he could find the other two women. They were invisible under the debris, and, as the rescue squad were working from behind the house to reach them, we left it to them and helped Jackie up.

He mumbled something about "Only did me best" and vanished. Note.—The rescue squad reached the two missing women an hour later. One, Miss Barbara Rogers, was dead, but the other Miss Shaw, came up almost unhurt and asked for a cigarette.

## REDS SENT BACK TO SPAIN BY VICHY

SPAIN, STILL TORN AND BLEEDING AFTER HER LONG CIVIL WAR, IS NOW UNDER GOING A NEW REIGN OF TERROR.

Every day there are mass murders and executions of "rebels."

The "rebels" are 500,000 refugees who fled to France at the end of the civil war and are now being handed back to their Falangist enemies by the Vichy Government.

The more famous figures of the former Spanish republic are tried for rebellion against Franco and shot. Most of the remainder are shot without trial.

Luis Companys, former Catalan President, has been shot with other Republican leaders.

Largo Caballero, former Prime Minister of Spain, has just arrived in a new batch of political prisoners. His trial has already been announced.

## "SHE IS NO SPY" --SISTER

A sister of Miss May Louisa James, Englishwoman accused by the Germans of sending messages to Britain by short-wave radio, told a London reporter: "The charge is utterly fantastic."

Warden of the British-American Y.W.C.A., Miss James could have escaped before the Huns entered Paris — but she chose to stay at her post there.

"It is my duty to stop. There are girls here who need looking after," she told a chaplain.

Now she lies in a German military prison accused of espionage — and the Huns have already sentenced to death two Englishwomen they had seized on charges of spying.

Miss James's sister, Mrs. Lister Knight, of Knowle, Budleigh Salterton, Devon, said:

"It is awful to realise what she is going through. But there must be a great number of people in Paris who will do all in their power to help."

### Her Last Letter

"My sister has been head of British-American Y.W.C.A. for over eleven years. She has friends all over the world."

"Since the war began I heard frequently from her. But the last letter I received was two days before the fall of France."

"I begged her not to leave it too late to get away from Paris. Her refusal means only one thing — her devotion to her work remained unshaken."

"The suggestion that she had in her possession radio transmission equipment is utterly fantastic. She had her own work and nothing would cause her to deviate from it."

The two Englishwomen sentenced to death by the Huns are Winifred Marle and Florence Frickard. Reports from Paris stated that the death penalty on Mrs. Marle may be commuted.

## AXIS EATING INTO ITS OIL RESERVES

(By A Political Correspondent)

INFORMATION REACHING London from Germany and Italy leads the Government to suppose that both the Axis Powers will be experiencing some shortage of oil in the spring and early summer.

Stocks of oil in Italy are believed to be lower than at any time in recent years, and there is no synthetic plant of any account.

Supplies held at Bari and other centres have been heavily bombed by the R.A.F. recently, and the indications are that it is Italy which will be the first of the Axis partners to be in oil difficulties.

### Rumania's Oil

German oil troubles will be accentuated if the Nazis have to give military assistance to the Italian campaign in Greece or embark on any other large-scale adventure elsewhere.

In present conditions the Germans are probably using more oil than they are obtaining either by home production or import. It is estimated that 80 per cent. of the German oil refineries have been visited by the R.A.F. with considerable effect, and that the output of oil is being reduced by a substantial percentage.

As regards oil imports into Germany the position has been markedly improved by an agreement between Britain and Spain which limits imports into Spain and the size of stocks which may be held.

I understand that the Government is satisfied that little oil now passes into occupied or unoccupied France, and that what little does cross the Pyrenees comes out of the small stocks which Spain is allowed to hold.

Germany has, of course, obtained a rich source of oil in Rumania, but its value must depend on the extent to which she

can increase the volume which can be carried on the Danube and by rail. That is no easy matter.

Well-informed quarters in London consider that a substantial increase in supplies from this source would be possible only if the Axis could control the Eastern Mediterranean and import by way of Italy. The Royal Navy is effectively blocking this route.

I learn that one reason why the R.A.F. has not yet bombed the Rumanian oil wells is that it is considered better policy to wait until the oil reaches the German refineries, and bomb it then. These targets are nearer our air bases and are easier to damage than oil wells.

### Rubber Shortage

Rubber is another commodity the shortage of which is expected shortly to hamper the Axis war machine. Germany has gained no appreciable quantity of rubber from any of the countries she has conquered.

Synthetic rubber is produced by the Nazis, but the plants engaged on this work have been heavily bombed by the R.A.F. in recent months. Rubber shortage, it can confidently be predicted, will continue and increase.

I understand that considerable progress is being made with our general blockade policy, and that three-quarters of the total shipping-tonnage of the world is now controlled by the British navy system.



**CHINA MAIL**  
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## HITLER AND ROOSEVELT

Despite all the mystery of Hitler's present diplomatic occupations, his problem may be simply stated. He is faced with three chief walls of resistance standing between him and his ambition of world dominion.

The first and least substantial is France. Her opposition is composed of an unreadiness on the part of at least some of her rulers to perform the Nazi bidding without question. Having surrendered their army, this distaste on the part of the men of Vichy would count little against the German threats of force, were it not that France has recently acquired three bargaining counters which grow more precious with each new collapse of Italy. Weygand's presence in Africa, the absence of part of the French fleet from the Mediterranean, and finally the growing resentment of ordinary Frenchmen against their conquerors constitute together the French wall of resistance. It is not impenetrable. Treachery in Vichy, guile in Paris, together with a ruthless display of German power, might at any moment open considerable breaches in it. However, Hitler must batter down this first wall before he can hope to possess the best conditions for an assault on the second.

Britain is the second wall, yet even while Hitler mobilises his machines for a new and more terrific attack against us, he must still take account of the third. That third wall—America's machine power—is not yet built, although it promises later to become formidable enough. He must bash down the second while the workmen on the third are still engaged and can be caught unprepared. Yet a man in America understands the process as well as Hitler. He realises that only if Britain's wall stands will he have a chance to build his own, and he sends bricks and mortar to bolster the one barrier which can give him time to make his own construction.

Hence the outburst of hostility towards the United States by Hitler. Hitler is stung to fury by the quiet resolve with which President Roosevelt's soldiers more surely the Anglo-American alliance. Yet even in his tantrums he does not lose his guile. By his threat of

EVENING was darkening as I looked down from the London-Portugal flying boat and saw the scrambled necklace of twinkling lights about Lisbon's superb harbour. I was homeward bound to America, and I caught my breath at this sight of the lamps of peace after 14 months in war and darkness.

The steward nudged me and pointed. "Friend there — enemy there."

A small cluster of lights hung in the sky to starboard — the Atlantic Clipper from New York, poised above the last free port in Europe. To the right of the Clipper moved the dark blob of a landplane seeking earth.

"Plane from Berlin," the steward explained. "Just started an air line to Lisbon two days ago. Forty young Arvan tourists were passengers on the first trip."

When I entered the Palace Hotel in Estoril, the resort oasis 15 miles down the beach from Lisbon, I realised that luck had tossed me into the espionage centre of World War II. Low-toned conversations go endlessly on in the bar and in the long, dim lobby. Germans, Italians, Britons and Spaniards sit in great overstuffed chairs while they gather reports of their spies, and watch each other. Among them probably the fate of Portugal will be decided. The mild, honest Portuguese have little to say about it.

Portugal is dry and poor. She has 7,000,000 people, yet she is only the size of Maine, and a third of her land is uncultivated. If her professor-dictator, Dr. Antonio de Oliveira Salazar, can steer Portugal away from war, he can go on with his ambitious effort to wipe out illiteracy, which blights half the population. He can build more of his excellent clinics, clean the leprous slums and perhaps even better the national diet.

He knows it is not his army (one division of troops without

artillery) nor his navy (six destroyers) which keep Portugal free to-day.

Franco's declining prestige would skyrocket if he would take

## Eric Sevareid

over Portugal. But Franco knows that Hitler cannot feed starving Spain. England is subsidising shipments of Portuguese food across the border in the faith that Spain will not bite the hand that feeds it. Hitler knows that the Portuguese empire in Africa, Asia and the Atlantic, a richer prize than the country itself, would fall into the hands of the British navy if the Axis seized Portugal.

Portugal owes her freedom to many things, to her position on the map, at the crossways of the Atlantic and Mediterranean trade routes; to the fact that Lisbon is the last direct point of contact with the United States for all belligerents. But perhaps the strongest reason is the fact that the spies of both sides find a free Portugal useful. The Lisbon air line, for example, is the only way Nazi-Fascist agents can get in and out of England.

Portugal has been tied to England's money and wine markets since 1703. Great Britain controls virtually all Portuguese imports and exports. The people are pro-British. But this is a dictatorship, and Salazar, with an eye on the war machine which could so easily roll over him, leans Axis-ward.

The Axis is busy and looks efficient. The German Minister is the cultured Baron Honneger, who can match Dictator Salazar's own professional intellect. They get on

well. England's ruddy Ambassador, Sir Walter Selby, walks four miles before breakfast, but athletics bore the dictator.

There is no real British fifth column in Portugal — "that wouldn't be cricket." On the other hand, many of Portugal's secret police were trained by Himmler in Berlin. The friends they made there come to see them.

Biefurn, sinister assistant to Himmler, arrived at Estoril while I was there. We learned his identity from wise old Joseph Bech, Luxembourg's leading statesman. He'd seen Biefurn on the streets of Luxembourg the week before Hitler's army overran the defenseless Grand Duchy.

Biefurn was talking in a lobby corner with a dark, heavy, dynamic German whom America should know about. His name is Friedrich Sieburg, and he is the man who perfected modern fifth-column tactics. America may expect him when his work in Europe is done.

In Belgium Sieburg, a man of great personal charm, convinced the wealthy that Hitler would never touch their land. In Paris, he laid the groundwork among the "200 families" for the notorious Otto Abetz who followed. He wrote a book to flatter the French, called: *Dieu, est-il français?* (Is God French?). He has now written an equally flattering book about Portugal's once glorious empire and present culture. Hardly an influential Portuguese has escaped his suave attentions.

He made one break. When at a banquet he proposed a glowing toast to the Führer, one tough old Lisbon journalist abruptly sat

down. Sieburg turned scarlet, and burst out in German, "You are too small to be defiant!" He meant Portugal itself. Next day he sent profuse apologies. So far, Lisbon's press is carefully neutral.

As Biefurn and Sieburg conferred in the lobby, these men strolled a few feet away: Bech, once Premier of Luxembourg; Pierlot, last Premier of Belgium; Camille Chautemps, once Premier of France; aged Paderewski, first President of Poland. Each man had seen his nation undermined by Sieburg's fifth column, seized by the Nazi army, ruled by Biefurn's Gestapo.

That very day a man had come in to reserve a suite for their latest victim—deposed King Carol of Rumania.

Fascinated, I watched from my corner. Sieburg coolly glanced up as each man passed. The refugee statesmen did not turn their heads, nor speak to one another. I ached to introduce Biefurn to the burly, sprawling Russian asleep in the opposite chair—Dr. Lazovet, who helped kill Rasputin and drove his body to the river.

One morning at nine, the German passenger plane roared alarmingly low over the Palace Hotel. I asked a waiter why the pilot should go off his course to do this. "We think it's to get us used to the Swastika," he said. "The first time, he did it, the visa line at your consulate grew much longer."

Twenty thousand German, French and Belgian refugees mill around in Portugal, waiting for American visas. The Portuguese, to their everlasting credit, treat them kindly, often take destitute mothers and children into their homes.

But the refugees are nervous and depressed. They watch with longing as the American Export boat slips from harbour, and the Cuppe, wings toward the west. They are trapped. There is no "green frontier," as they call any border they can sneak across. Only the ocean. There is but one key to unlock this massive door of escape—the American visa.

They talk of nothing but immigration, quota numbers, our young vice-consuls—all-powerful gods to them. They are sick of each other. Men who shared bunks in concentration camps avoid one another in Lisbon's jangling streets. The poor refugees droop over sidewalk cafe tables, munching cold Portuguese beans with their beer. Daily the same routine: the general delivery window to ask for a letter; the American consulate; the newsstand to speculate on Hitler's next move; back to the corner cafe, then listlessly to bed.

Some have given up, drifted back into the barren hill towns and "gone native." Others read of our draft law, and get a bright idea. They have fled war consistently so far; now they offer to "volunteer in the American Army." This is a humourless joke to our harassed diplomatic staff, which spends exhausting hours checking the papers of the endless line of refugees.

Rich refugees from Biarritz scurry with little black bags from bank to bank, buying and selling money. At night they crowd the roulette tables at the Estoril casino. They edge over to an American consul and strike up conversation. They have bribed their way across many borders and cannot believe that money doesn't talk with American officials, too.

One night in a corner of the gaming room, I recognised first a pair of ill-fitting trousers, then the German Socialist to whom I had given them before he escaped from an Alpine concentration camp with Lion Feuchtwanger, the famous author.

He had been a mild little man, a teacher and writer, when Hitler came to power. He had since fought in Spain for his ideals, had climbed the Pyrenees carrying a sick refugee child in his arms. He was hard now, and quite without fear.

We left the smoky room, and sat on the rocks where the surf pounded.

He, too, awaited his visa. He was on Thomas Mann's list of 120 refugee writers considered worth a special effort to save. He was tranquil. He never read the papers any more. If the Nazis came, all right. They would never get him, he said.

I felt I must tell him whom I had seen in the Palace Hotel. He turned, and in the darkness I could see the flashing whites of his teeth.

"Sieburg here?" he said. "That man is a kiss of death. To-morrow I will make some acquaintances among the Portuguese fishermen who have boats in the harbour."

# On Sweeping Statements

Recently I had the good fortune to be carried by business into the Highlands. A pleasant accident, but should I not have brought oaks? I was somewhat in conundrum to sweeping cinematic statements, and so introduced Loch Tay in November as a grey crevice in grey hills, then as a grey as watery as the pool below. At such a season, I feared, it would be a dark journey to a dark place, a slow, chill, and comfortless invasion of a misty wilderness, with little to see of that Grampian glory which the summer so nobly unfolds.

Yet my forecast was wrong from start to finish. My train was warm, strictly punctual, and comparatively empty. (To sit in a punctual and empty train is a pleasure now unknown in many Southern parts, and seemed to me as exquisite a bliss as travelling in the height of "de luxe" to the old, sweet playgrounds of peace.)

Not even a flaming sunset can turn a Highland town into a rose-red city, even though it be half as old as the Ice Age and the mammoth. Stone is stone and wears its honest hue, but in Kilin even the sober-suited Kirk of Scotland appears architecturally in a surprise. Its house of worship is white and graceful as a flower, and answers with an equal radiance the snows on the surrounding crags. Ben Lawers (the central bastion of all Scotland and, by some glacial accident, most richly Alpine in its herbs and blossoms, was now well covered with snow upon its upper quarters. As I left this very colourful country I saw the sun pounce through the clouds on Lawers's shimmering summit and kindle a white November radiance in mid-sky such as I had once beheld upon Parnassus on an April day in Greece. This I watched, furthermore, through a double rainbow the inner member of which was both complete and inexpressibly bright. The terminus of

these two, tremendous arches seemed to earth their fantastic glitter within a hundred yards of my departing train.

I am not saying that a rainbow is the acme of beauty. It might be denied by some. Nature's exhibition in a truck is almost vulgar display, however charming in coloured photography. But my

## By Ivor Brown

point is not the beauty, but the brilliance. Grey Scotland indeed! Bleak November! There were two sweeping statements swept aside. Hollywood, with all its newest magic, could not have spoiled the paint more simply. Any Tayside crofter, looking upward from his turnip-field, could justly have murmured, "Whaur's your Glorious Technicolour now?"

My journey was a happy one and encountered all the cordiality which the English as a rule deny to the Scots. Yet, curiously, on my return I found a letter from an armen who has come out of England's gentle middle west to guard the waters of Scotland's harsh north-east. Or harsh at least he found the land, the people glum and hostile, and the old, familiar epithet of "dour" merited by the sorry welcome that he met. (At the same time he himself admitted that he had been happily at home in earlier days with charming people in other parts of Scotland.) I had set out to find Tayside in November a dripping desert blanketed in mist and had discovered autumn fires and a rainbow radiance instead; he, looking for Caledonia affably cordial, had found it disagreeably stern and wild.

The moral of this is never to make a general statement about peoples and places—that is, if truth be the object. Mr. Hamilton Fyfe recently wrote a most cogent and salutary book about the folly of attaching ethical labels to national groups; he quoted chapters and verses by the score to show that the British had generalised in every possible (and contradictory) way about the virtues and, more commonly, the vices of their neighbours, whose moral characteristics appeared to vary most obligingly according to the needs of diplomacy. It would not be difficult to compile a similar record of violently conflicting judgments about places and climates. Our own climate, in particular, has been most vigorously cured for its churlishness and blessed for its kindness. So much depends

on chance, so much on last impressions. I might have found mid-Perthshire plunged deeper in a soaking mist than ever were London and Manchester gulfed in their smoky, sticky fog. Rolling stones may gather no moss; likewise, sweeping judgments collect no verity.

Yes, but how far is truth the ideal in conversation or the brighter forms of composition? That is the essential point. If we are to be scrupulous beyond fault in our pursuit of truth we shall say very little, which may be well, and what we say will be so hedged about with qualifications as to be exceeding dull, which is ill. I have an acquaintance who has all this regard for accuracy. Tell him that it is a fine day and he will probably reply, "If by day we mean the twenty-four hours beginning last mid-night, and by fine we mean that the temperature has averaged sixty-five, with three hours of continuous sunshine, I cannot agree." The fellow is, I fear, justly regarded as being both whimsical and tedious in his lust for accuracy. His zeal for truth makes one the more crave that admixture of the lie which so often does undoubtedly give pleasure.

And pleasure, after all, is a legitimate object of conversation. It is the business of religion, philosophy, and scholarship to pursue the truth without surrender to the wayside lures of easy generalisation, effective over-emphasis, and smart, seductive epigram. But let us admit that the spinning of theories, amid which, incidentally, truth may always break in, is a proper exercise of our mental faculties, and that to make a sweeping statement, however dubious, may begin an argument which is great entertainment.

We must be austere indeed if we deny ourselves all joy in scoring a point, albeit by a quibble. It would be dangerous to say that truth is a good servant but a bad master. We want its mastership of our minds, but only in the sense of a suave, tactful, and constitutional monarchy. The tyranny of exactitude could be a grave oppression, but the danger of such a dictatorship is small in this world of slogans and propaganda. Let us salute the truth, but let us not be morbid or slavish in our obedience. There are times when a sweeping statement gives such pleasure as to justify the flourish of that mental broom. Without it we might cease from mental strife, and how bare would life be then!



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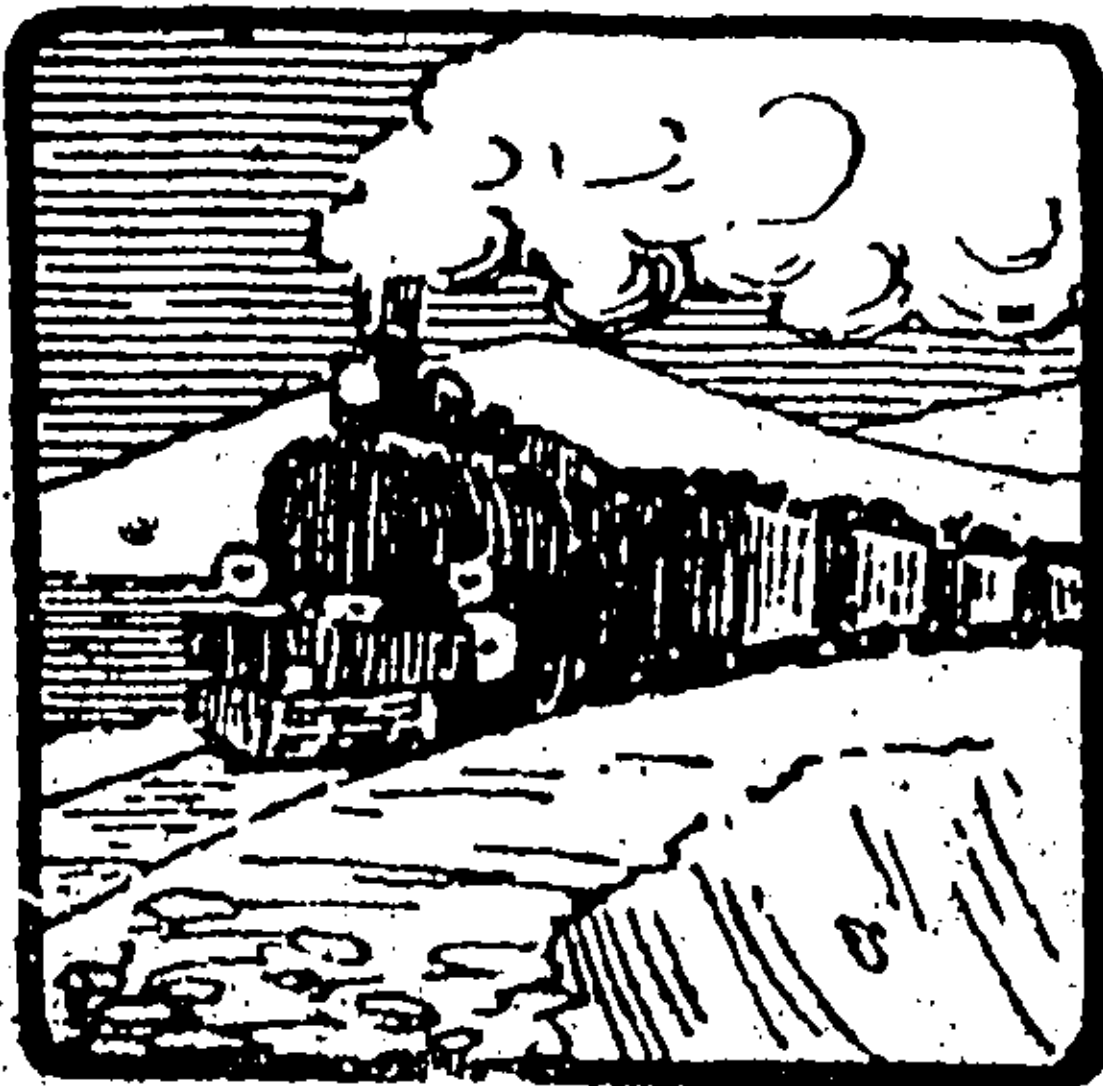
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# TARGETS NAZIS HAVE HIT IN BRITAIN

FOLLOWING GOERING'S frequent claim that German airmen bomb only military objectives in Britain, the Ministry of Information has issued the following list of places which have been hit by bombs during the past several weeks.

In many instances, however, the damage was not serious.

**Hospitals:** Charterhouse Clinic, Great Ormond Street, London Hospital, Queen Mary's Hospital, St. Bartholomew's Medical School, St. Thomas's, Swiss Relief Centre, St. Dunstan's headquarters, Ford's Hospital, Coventry, and American Ambulance Unit, Tunbridge Wells.

**Churches:** Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral, Canterbury Cathedral, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, St. Clement Danes, St. Giles', Cripplegate, St. Swithin's, Cannon Street, St. Augustine, Watling Street, St. Boniface, Adler Street, St. Dunstan-in-the-East, St. Clement's, Eastcheap, Jewin Chapel, Dutch Church, Austin Friars, Swedish Church, Rotherhithe, St. Magnus the Martyr, St. Mary-at-Hill, St. Mary Woolnoth, St. Margaret's, Westminster, Christ Church, Westminster Bridge Road, St. John, Smith Square, St. John's, Kensington, Our Lady of Victories, Kensington, St. Mark's, Regent's Park, and Islington Parish Church.

**Embassies:** American (time bomb removed), Japanese (evacuated) and Spanish.

**Palaces:** Buckingham Palace, Kensington Palace, Lambeth Palace and Eltham Palace.

**Buildings of World-wide Interest:** House of Lords, British Museum, Law Courts, Tate Gallery, Imperial War Museum, Somerset House, Wallace Collection, Burlington House, Tower of London, Westminster Hall, Temple, Inner Temple Library, Stationers' Hall, Royal Hospital, Chelsea, Hogarth House, Holland House, Harrow School, Radnor House, Twickenham, statue of Richard Coeur de Lion.

**Public Buildings, &c.:** Australia House, Bank of England (near), County Hall, Madame Tussaud's, National City Bank of New York, Public Record Office, South Africa House, Royal College of Surgeons, University College Library, Yokohama Specie Bank, Y.M.C.A. headquarters, the Zoo, Italian Tourist Company, Indian Students' Hostel, Wimbledon Centre Court, Argyle Theatre, Merseyside, Arts Theatre Birkenhead, Birmingham Art Gallery, Birmingham Town Hall.

**Newspaper Offices:** Associated Press of America, Daily Express, Daily Herald, Daily Mail, Daily Mirror, Daily Sketch, Daily Worker, Evening Standard, Glasgow Herald London Office, New Statesman and Nation, the Times.

**Squares And Streets:** Berkeley-square, Leicester-square, Kensington-square, Sloane-square, Smith-square, Berwick Market, Bond Street, Burlington Arcade, Bruton Street, Carnaby Street, Lambeth Walk, Maddox Street, Oxford Street, Park-lane, Piccadilly, Regent Street, Rotten-row, Royal Arcade, Saville-row, Watling Street, Elephant and Castle.

**Stores:** Austin Reed (Piccadilly), Bourne and Hollingsworth, Ford showrooms (Regent Street) Garage's (Cheapside) John Lewis, Peter Robinson, and Selfridge's.

**Clubs:** Arts (Dover Street), Carlton, and Reform.

### Palace Bombing

Bombs have fallen on more than one occasion on or near Buckingham Palace. Two which fell in the grounds blew out all the windows on the north side of the Palace where the private apartments of the King and Queen are situated.

Only five windows were left unbroken on the front of the Palace when on another occasion a large bomb exploded in the vicinity. The Queen's private apartments have been damaged in other raids.

The Queen sent a fragment of one of the bombs to the United States to Bundles for Britain Incorporated, one of the American societies devoted to relief work for Great Britain.

## FACTORY GOES UNDER GROUND

As 200 beat-the-blitz girls went to work in a London factory, Miss Eva Butlin, thirty-six-year-old charge-hand, said: "Night work has solved their raids' problems; they are glad to be here instead of crouching in shelters."

The secret is that the factory has gone underground and is itself practically an air-raid shelter.

The girls believe it to be the first of its kind because it has been built only since their original factory was bombed some weeks ago.

When they saw the old two-storey building in ruins they thought their jobs were gone. But the £15,000 air-raid shelter in the old building had saved the lives of the men night workers, and that gave the managing director an idea.

### Installed Plant

He put the men on to clearing the site and salvaging what they could from the debris, and set the girls to work in the air-raid shelter. The girls helped to instal plant. While the men helped to build a new factory.

This was made like the air-raid shelter, mostly underground and in sections. Each unit is self-contained, measures 50ft. by 4ft., with the highest point 14ft. from the ground. The ceiling is one foot of reinforced concrete, and there are interior safety walls of fifteen-inch brick.

The building is guaranteed to stand a direct hit from a bomb up to 250 lb., and the design ensures that few would be hurt even by a direct hit from the heaviest bomb. Production could continue if any unit were destroyed.

When the girls saw the idea, they at once asked to work nights. Three hundred men now work the day turn. Soon all the 800 on the old pay-roll will be back at work.

The girls have music to drown the noise of the barrage, and their rest periods total two hours. Air conditioning eliminates underground fuz.

Miss Butlin says: "They finish work, have time for a sleep, and still have the afternoons to themselves. They've beaten the blitz!"

## TO GET WHITE FEATHERS

Passengers compelled to walk home because bus workers refuse to carry on during raid alerts have bought a cockerel and plucked it to provide white feathers for the busmen.

The passengers live in a Manchester suburb. Manchester and district bus workers stop as soon as a black-out "Alert" is sounded.

So the "White Feather Gang" got together, bought a white cockerel and asked the poultry dealer to pluck it and save all the feathers.

The feathers will be distributed by the gang, who are all ex-Servicemen and medallists engaged on important work.

The plucked cockerel was raffled and the money sent to a Spitfire Fund. The winner of the cockerel gave it to a soldier's wife.

One of the White Feather Gang told a reporter: "We have to work through Alerts and don't mind. Is it too much to ask the bus drivers to carry on during a black-out Alert and get us home unless there is real danger?"

### "Claim Overtime"

Drivers and conductors are being hooded by angry passengers who are dumped at the first note of the banshee howl. "They're either yellow or they're scrounging," said one man.

"They clear us off the buses and trams and then sit smoking. At the first drone of a plane they make a beeline for the nearest shelter. If the alert drags on after schedule hours they claim overtime."

The busmen are making a variety of excuses. One driver told a reporter:

"The old lighting was insufficient but the new lighting makes a fine bombing target. Why should we risk our lives taking home gadabouts and drunks? Why not pay us danger money?"

## LANGUAGE MAKES THE KING LAUGH

An Australian private in the Eastern Command was assembling a machine-gun blindfold in the open with a piercing wind blowing.

"It's too blank cold to feel anything," said he as he fumbled for the various parts. "I don't like this blank weather at all."

Behind him an officer stood laughing at the Australian's frank comments. It was the King making a tour of an Australian contingent stationed in the Eastern Command, and for several minutes his Majesty and other high officers enjoyed the joke.

When the private had successfully assembled the gun, within the five minutes allotted he pushed up the bandage from his eyes and saw the King.

"Well, blank," he began, and then stiffened to silent attention.

## MURDER BY PANCAKE: EX-CHEF HUNTED

PITTSBURGH POLICE, investigating the mass killing of 12 men by poisoned pancakes, are seeking a 6ft. former chef at the Salvation Army centre where 60 destitutes sat down to a deadly breakfast.

He was dismissed from the centre three weeks ago and vowed to get even.

Preliminary investigation showed that 10lb. of insect killer were mixed in the flour from which the pancake batter was made.

The dismissed chef was last seen in Philadelphia. His successor, who made the pancakes, is himself among those poisoned, but he is expected to recover.

Men began to topple over soon after they had finished breakfast. When the police arrived they found 30 men lying twisting in agony on the floor. Some were unconscious.

Four men died soon after the police arrived; two more a little later; and a further six were dead before nightfall.



# BRITONS GOING HUNGRY IN HUN CAMPS

BRITISH PRISONERS OF WAR IN GERMANY ARE SO BADLY FED THAT MANY OF THEM ARE TOO WEAK TO PLAY GAMES.

Letters to M.P.s from all over the country from people whose sons and husbands are in German prison camps have revealed this fact, Sir William Davison (Con., Kensington South) told the House of Commons.

He asked the War Minister if he was aware that many prisoners at Oflag VII Camp had only the battle dress they were wearing when captured in the summer and were without overcoats.

The Minister replied that he was aware of the lack of winter clothing and was using every means in his power to remedy it.

The German Government had been urged through diplomatic channels to fulfil their obligations. In the last few days the American Embassy had been asked to make further representation.

## Eden Dissatisfied

The American Embassy in Berlin said that 1,838 parcels of food, clothing and tools had been received by prisoners at the camp in the week ending October 19, and the flow was continuing.

Sir William Davison: I am told that Polish and French parcels are arriving much better than ours.

War Minister: I am dissatisfied with the conditions, hence the representations made.

Mr. W. S. Morrison, Postmaster-General, said the number of parcels sent from Britain during October was 93,896.

The Red Cross reported that fifteen wagons containing 29,934 parcels have arrived at Geneva. They contain food, tobacco, medical comforts and clothing.

Fifty-six tons of clothing parcels have arrived at Lisbon and are being sent on.

## Job Now Too Big

A Political Correspondent writes: There is a great deal of uneasiness over the work of the Red Cross.

No one doubts the good intentions of that excellent voluntary organisation, but there is growing apprehension about the way it is handling some of its work.

Food parcels and winter overcoats are urgently needed by British prisoners, particularly the 1,500 in Oflag VII.

British prisoners receive the same food rations as German garrison troops, but the German stomach seems more hardened to dog, cat and horseflesh. Both quality and quantity of food supplied is below the minimum essential for good health.

It is the duty of the Red Cross Society to supplement those rations with food parcels from home. The job has now become too big for it.

There is a crying need for full-time paid experts to organise the purchase, packing and dispatch department. No breakdown in organisation should be tolerated.

## BOMBER PILOT WAS AN ARTIST

An R.A.F. pilot, having reported the details of his attack on the Fiat works at Turin, spent the rest of the day telling his companions in the mess about the magnificent view he had had of Mont Blanc as he flew back over France.

"I have never seen a sight like it," the pilot said. "On our way back from Turin we were between the moon and the mountains, and I drew a picture in my log book of the towering mass of Mont Blanc glistening even more sharply in the moonlight, and standing out high above the cloud base below. It was the last memorable sight before our journey home, which was uneventful, except for some flak over the French coast. I hope it won't be long before I see that sight again."

## HOW NAZI WOMEN DEFEATED HITLER

Women workers, conscripted into Hitler's arms factories have forced wage concessions from the Nazi regime, says a correspondent.

Until the outbreak of war Nazi propaganda was still busy with the slogan that woman's place was in the home, although even then many female workers were engaged on war production.

During the last year at least 200,000 women have been driven into compulsory employment. The German Labour Front promised that they would receive men's wages, but it was the big industrialists, and not the Nazis, who had the last word. Accordingly, the Nazis announced that "the reform of women's wages must be postponed till after the war."

The women took a hard line. Hitler, stayed away from the factories. Production began to fall. Chambers of Commerce warned the Government against relying upon the compulsory recruitment of women. Finally, last June, the Ministry of Labour announced an investigation of female wage rates in the vital iron, metal and chemical industries.

The inquiry resulted in a decree, which brought the wages of a few key women workers up to 80 per cent. of men's wages.

"Substantial restrictions in these increases," the decree stated, "are necessary to avoid the revision giving rise to a general increase in women's wages, which would inevitably disturb the stability of the general wages level. The general ban on wage increases is to be enforced with the same strictness as hitherto."

Far from being satisfied with this minor concession, the women's silent opposition continued. Recently increased wage rates are announced for women in the mining and printing industries.

## CHEQUE LOST WHEN STATION WAS BOMBED

It was revealed at a West End police court that a cheque for £29 10s. to be produced in evidence in an alleged false pretences case, was lost some weeks ago when a police station was bombed.

The cheque was in a file with other documents which were destroyed by fire.

The case was that against Robert Bird, forty, ship's officer, of no fixed home, who was charged with obtaining a pair of binoculars worth £29 10s. from an Oxford Street firm, and with obtaining by false pretences jewellery worth £230 from another Oxford Street firm. He was remanded in custody.

## LOVE DEFEATS SWASTIKA

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

A wedding cake stood on the table of a little home in Brittany; nearby a pretty lace cap lay carefully packed, ready to wear. The wedding of Madeleine and Jean had been arranged.

That was months ago, when France collapsed, and Jean, twenty-three-year-old French sailor, came home on leave to wed the girl of his dreams.

Rather than live under the shadow of the swastika they decided on a bid for freedom and started out on a perilous journey to England the day they should have been celebrating in the little Brittany village.

With another young couple, Rene, also a sailor, and his fiancée, Yvonne, who were to have been married a few days later, they sailed for forty-eight hours in a small fishing boat before they were picked up by a larger French vessel making for an English port.

## Fairy-Godmother

On their arrival they were separated. The men were held for interrogation, the girls sent to an internment camp.

Hearing of their plight, the French widow of an English soldier, who died in the last war, adopted the two girls, giving them work in a London club, the Cercle Français, which she has started for General de Gaulle's Free French forces.

It was in the club one evening that the couples were reunited. Now, at Caxton Hall Register Office, Madeleine, who is twenty-one, and Jean have just been wed.

"We had hoped for a double wedding," a reporter was told by Tantine, which is the two girls' name for the fairy godmother who brought about the reunion. "But Yvonne is ill and her fiancé cannot get leave."

## WOMEN USED SHOES TO BEAT MAN

WOMEN TOOK OFF their shoes and used them as clubs and others struck out with their fists against a man alleged to have interfered with a three-year-old girl in a Liverpool air-raid shelter.

A police officer had to beat the crowd back with his baton to get the man away after he had tried to escape on a tramcar.

This evidence was given at Liverpool Police Court when Joseph Judge, aged thirty, unemployed, lodging in Shaw Street, Liverpool, was sent to Manchester Assizes accused of causing grievous bodily harm to Maureen Kelly, aged three, and indecently assaulting her. Mr. H. R. Balmer, prosecuting, said at five o'clock in the afternoon nine little boys went into a raid shelter in Fontenay Gardens car-rying a lighted candle. They found Judge sitting on the

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seat with the child lying near, apparently asleep. She was unconscious. The boys ran out and raised an alarm. When Judge came out a moment or two later a crowd was waiting for him. He was roughly handled.

Mr. Balmer said the child had a fractured skull.

On the coat of the man was a strand of fair hair which, in texture, form and colour, was identical with that of the little girl.



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## BRIDGE NOTES

### BLIND SPOTS

#### By The Four Aces

If you occasionally criticise your partner for his mistakes, remember that even ranking experts occasionally strike "blind spots." To-day's hand was muffed by a very well-known player, much to his embarrassment:

South, Dealer  
Neither side vulnerable  
♠ Q 9 8 4  
♥ A J 9 4  
♦ Q J 7 5 4  
♣ —  
West opened the five of hearts, and South saw a good chance to limit the loss to one heart trick by finessing dummy's heart nine. So he finessed the nine of hearts and gained a heart trick but lost his contract!

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♠ Pass 2♦ Pass  
2♥ Pass 4♠ Pass  
Pass Pass

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For East returned a trump, and there was no more balm in Gilead. If South cross-ruffed, he would make five trumps in his own hand and three trumps in the dummy; but then he would be unable to draw East's trumps and could therefore bring in only one heart trick. If South drew trumps to safeguard dummy's second heart trick, he could get only two ruffs in the dummy; so the heart trick would come at the expense of a trump trick.

If South hadn't hit a blind spot he would have noticed that taking the heart Ace at once would have made his contract ironclad. A cross-ruff from there on would have brought in all nine trumps as separate tricks.

So said a story should probably have a moral: Not even an expert can afford to play to the first trick without thinking.

Yesterday you were Merwin D. Maier's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ J 10 9 4 3 2  
♥ 5 4  
♦ 6  
♣ J 9 6

The bidding:  
Jacoby Maier Schenken You  
1♥ 2♦ Dbl. (?)

ANSWER: Bid two spades. Your hand is probably worthless at a diamond contract but will win about five tricks at spades. Your partner's high-card strength will raise that total—especially if he has anything in the black suits. Score 100 per cent. for two spades; 20 for pass.

### Question No. 630

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner, and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ Q J 10 4  
♥ Q J 10 9  
♦ K 9  
♣ K J 9

The bidding:  
Maier Schenken Jacoby You  
1♥ 2♦ Dbl. (?)  
What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.)

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## FIRE SWEEPS CASTLE

Castle Howard, Yorkshire mansion of the Carlisle family, has been partly destroyed by fire and many art treasures destroyed.

It is occupied by the Queen Margaret's School, Scarborough.

The fire, which broke out in a bedroom in the east wing, swept along the southern side destroying the dining-room, the south entrance and a famous dome 100ft. high.

York and Malton fire brigades prevented the flames from spreading to the western and eastern wings.

# Daredevil Ted, 15, Was Hero In Bomb Blaze

(By A Special Correspondent)

DAREDEVIL FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD Ted Baldwin, at the wheel of a lorry filled with blazing bags of sawdust, drove between walls of flame to safety when a "Molotov breadbasket" fell and set fire to his mother's sawdust mill in London. When Ted had got the lorry out he went back and brought along two more.

Meanwhile, eighteen-year-old Bert Whattley, a neighbour, had opened the stable doors to release two horses half-maddened by the flames, and he and Ted brought the horses and two carts out from the inferno.

Not content with that they both went back again — this time to set free two wire-haired terriers and a watch-dog, between thirty and forty hens, and a rabbit in a hutch.

## "Wobbler" Died

Thanks to their bravery, the only casualties were about a dozen hens and Wobbler, a pet duck known to all the neighbourhood.

When the "breadbasket" fell, the Baldwinson family were in their shelter.

"I dashed out," Mrs. Baldwinson told me, "and saw flames all round. Some houses were on fire, but it wasn't till I turned round that I realised our mill was blazing too."

"Young Ted jumped over the wall into the yard and got into the first lorry. Bags on the bonnet and in the back were blazing, but he drove it as far as the street."

"He is always driving the lorries up and down the yard, so he had no difficulty in getting them out."

## Kept Cool

He always was a dare-devil, and he never turned a hair.

"As he went back into the fire for the other lorry, and the horses he shouted to his sister, Lil, to dial 999 for the fire brigade. They were here in four minutes, but Lil was away helping with the hens."

"But and I got out what we could," said young Ted, "and then we tried to put out the fire in the machine-room. The incendiaries were blazing, and our sprinkling only seemed to make it worse at first, but neighbours kept up a string of buckets, and we did our best till the fire brigade came."

## NO FARM WORK FOR CITY MEN

London office workers, who fled to the Lake District with their families when their homes were bombed, are trying to get work as farm labourers.

At Kendal Martinmas hirings they jostled with farm workers seeking to be hired in the traditional way for six months' work on Westmorland farms, and their womenfolk, in smartly cut slacks, competed for dairy work with rosy-cheeked country girls.

None of the London men was hired. "A country boy of fifteen is a better investment for us than an inexperienced townsman," one farmer told a reporter. "These men are willing, but it would take six months to harden them let alone train them."

Farmers are facing a serious shortage of male labour. At Carlisle hirings lads of eighteen obtained £40 for the winter term of six months. As they get free board and lodging, this means for these boys pocket money at the rate of £1 10s a week.

For every man open to an engagement there were a dozen waiting farmers.

The land girls are in growing request. But though they undertake the milking, tramp over heavy fields to feed the sheep and drive tractors they will not do housework.

The farmer's wife is puzzled. She thinks that when bad weather holds up work on the land the girls should do their bit indoors.

## OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



"Please don't cry, mother, it's just for a little while!"

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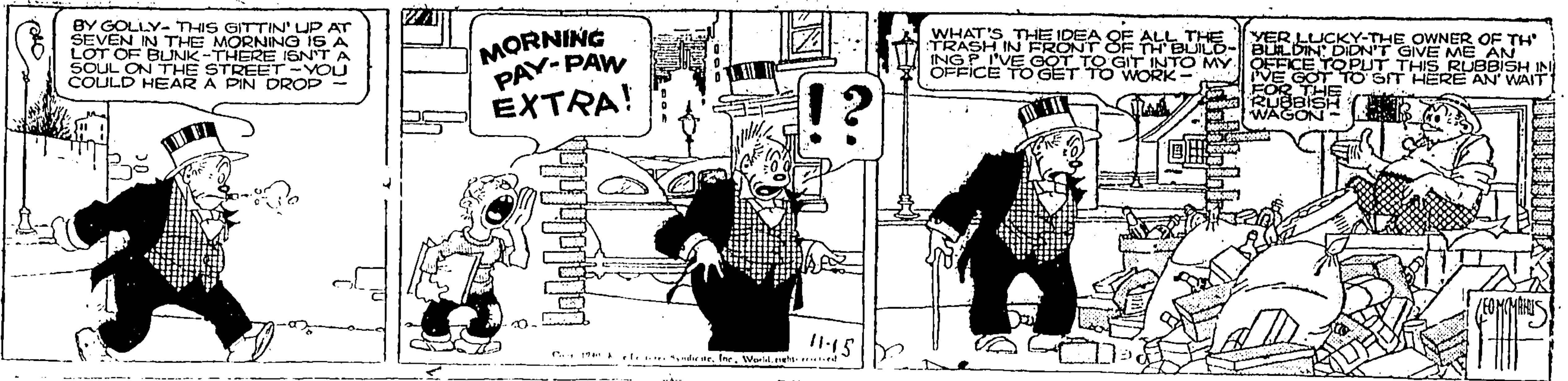
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



# A PAGE FOR WOMEN Sunshine In Too Quick Doses

Sunshine is a health authority, it is hardly possible, but it can also be detrimental if not taken correctly.

Here are some things that sunshine will do: It kills germs, with almost unmatched efficiency, it alleviates acne and some other skin diseases, it cures rickets and some forms of nonpulmonary tuberculosis; it produces vitamin D in the body and is therefore well-nigh indispensable to babies and adults.

But here is what sunshine will also do: "Sunlight is not pure beneficence. As everyone knows, it cause painful, blistering burns. The surest way to avoid sunburn is to stay out of the sun when it is too hot and to gradually acquire a coat of tan. Tanning gives protection against the ultra violet rays which cause the burn. The best means of getting tanned, painlessly, is by progressive dosage. Other things being equal, a good sunburn preventative will enable you to stay out in the sun two or three times as long, particularly the first few days, as would otherwise be desirable. An obvious advantage to people who do not have the opportunity to acquire protection through taking protective dosage."



JEANNE KELLY enjoys a game of Backgammon in the sunshine —after her skin has been well anointed with a sunburn preventative.

## More Details

Do not make the mistake of thinking a hazy day provides protection. It may feel cooler but can cause severe cases of sunburn. Since the reaction to sunburn is always somewhat delayed, the full extent of the catastrophe does not burst upon us until too late. We

wonder how it would have happened. It also seems a paradox that we burn in the shade. Heat rays, chiefly infra-red, make hot weather hot, but they do not cause true sunburn or tanning. Mountain climbers frequently suf-

fer from cold and sunburn at the same time. Heat rays cause temporary reddening of the skin, but are otherwise relatively powerless. The visible rays, from red to violet, have little influence on the skin. It is a narrow band of rays beyond the violet which are the trouble makers! There are three types of sunburn preventatives.

## Three Types Of Preventatives

- (1) Those that deflect light or act as mechanical barriers to turn back the rays so they will not reach the skin.
  - (2) Materials which convert the character of the rays to render them innocuous by altering their wavelengths.
  - (3) Products which exert an action on the skin itself, perhaps hardening it to make it less susceptible to the rays — tanning agents such as tannic acid.
- We are told it might be prudent to avoid products which claim they allow tanning and at the same time filter out the burn rays. On the other hand, products which act as mechanical barriers may be sunburn remedies as well. All of which boils down to taking the sun with your skin well covered with a sunburn cream or lotion produced by a reliable cosmetic company.



The gay young blade says as far as he's concerned dawn casts nothing but melancholy clouds upon life.

rouge which stays with you, once you put it on, almost as long as the refreshng scent of the cologne.

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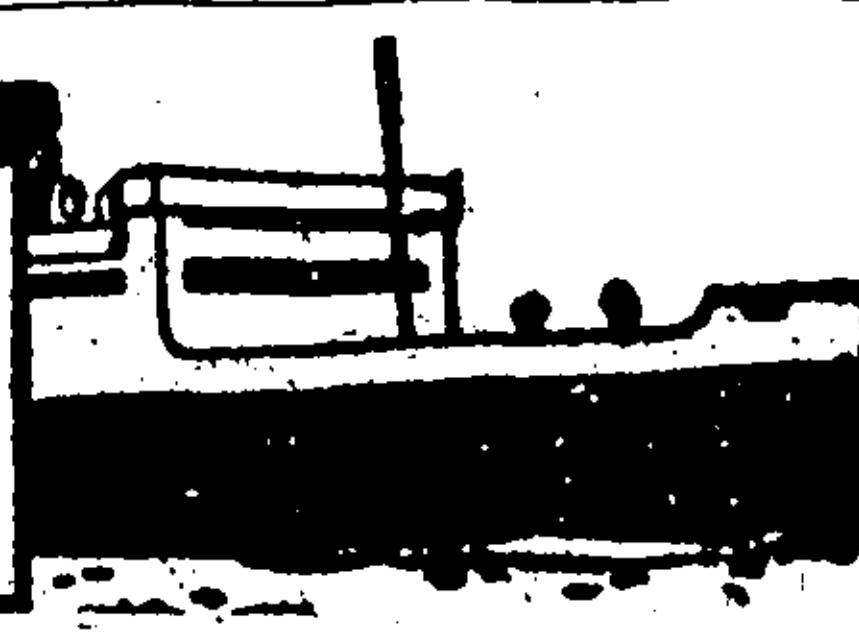
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# NO WONDER RONNY LIKES SCHOOL

(By A Reporter)

IT TAKES A LOT to get the edge off the Cockney boy's sharp tongue. Listen to Ronny Lee, from Bermondsey, who has been living for some months now at what is called St. Margaret's Camp, near Hemel Hempstead. It's really the Nettleden L.C.C. School, and to these boys it's a luxury home.

When I met Ronny, his first words to me were, "'Cor, lumme, I ain't 'arf caught a lot of rabbits since I've been here, and I don't want to go 'ome."

But if Ronny still talks Cockney, he has learned a lot of things in this £25,000 camp—though the headmaster hates to hear it called a camp.

Ronny has not forgotten home, even if he does not want to go back to Bermondsey.

His parents, he told me, had moved from that area to what is called a S.E. area in the bulletins. Here is his message to Mum and Dad:

I'm having a grand time, doing a bit of gardening among my lessons, and getting a lot of rabbits with Jock. I'm all right here, but when are you going to send my Wellingtons?

Well, Mr. and Mrs. Lee, there's Ronny's message. Sure he needs these Wellingtons, but that's about all; a happier lad I've not met.

"Jock," by the way, is the village dog Ronny "borrows" to take on his rabbit-catching expeditions, and great pals they are. You can see "Jock" outside the dining-hall waiting for his mate any day.

## He Was "Difficult"

Ronny was an adventurous boy when he first went to the camp. He hasn't been tamed; there's the same virile spirit about him; just schooled along lines that, experimental from the start, have proved a big success.

It was the idea of Mr. E. E. White, the headmaster, to take boys from various schools instead of one school en bloc, and give them a boarding-school life. He has done it.

There are five dormitories (a sixth is utilised for woodwork, science and art) and each block of three has washing accommodation.

And swell it is. Hand basins and showers, which now take as much time and attention of the boys as anything.

I visited the dormitories. The first (there's very keen competition here) was considered the smartest.

Beds in perfect alignment, blankets neatly tucked in at the

Let me say right away, these boys don't have to do this. It's purely voluntary, and as the head explained to me, "They seem to revel in doing such things. When we first came here the floor was

sides, slippers stowed away, and, mark you, a highly polished floor, of bare boards. They set about staining it, and now they always polish it."

There's very little illness at the camp, but all the same there's every provision; two qualified sisters at a hospital with an isolation ward and dispensary, and the attention of a dentist and a local doctor—none other, by the way, than Dr. J. C. Gregory, British ex-Davis Cup lawn tennis player.

## Know A Dibber

The 12 masters, the judicious choice of Mr. White, make life easy for the boys.

I listened in to a gardening lesson—yes, that's in their school curriculum—and heard the teacher asking them what a dibber was used for. "I'm not talking about your fathers, who bring home the dibs," he told these laughing lads.

Yes they do things thoroughly at that school (I nearly said camp, Mr. White!). A boys' brigade has been formed, and you can see them marching off to church on Sunday mornings, played by the band down the village street.

When they are not in the classroom, they are at all parts of the camp having a really good time. Recreation includes football, cricket, cycling, walking, and gardening, and, if you please, film shows.

I had lunch with the boys in the big dining-hall, together with the head and masters. We all had the same meal, and I can say it was good. Boiled fish, potatoes and peas, and fruit pudding and custard.

## Their Father

I left the camp feeling that the parents—and indeed the boys—owe a great deal to the head. He's a father to them; more, he has their welfare at heart.

"I want to see them go on improving mentally and physically," he told me, "and it can be done here. Already you can see better physique, and so can the parents, and there's more mental balance about them. Fresh air and the life this school camp provides is the reason for it."

I quite agree, Mr. White.

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But she has nowhere to go. She has lost everything she possessed in an air raid.

Two months ago she crouched in an uncompleted Anderson shelter in the garden of a house in which she had a two-roomed flat in a south-east town.

With her a young mother nursed her baby.

Raider planes circled overhead bombs screamed down on the district.

Suddenly the young mother's nerve cracked. Clutching her baby, she tried to force her way out into the open.

Gran barred her way. With desperate strength she threw the mother and baby down on to a deck chair. At that moment another bomb whined down. Gran threw herself on top of the other two, shielding them with her slight body.

### "I Can Stand It"

The bomb struck their home. It crumbled into a heap of rubble.

And when they picked Gran up, she had been pierced by several bomb fragments. One splinter was in her lung.

An operation was vital to save her life, but Gran was so weak that it was feared an anaesthetic might kill her.

The doctors told her of their fears. They told her that they would perform the delicate operation with only a local anaesthetic if she was brave enough.

Gran just smiled. "Please do what you like," she whispered. "I can stand it."

During the long operation Gran was fully awake. She talked to the doctors, now and then she joked with them.

Her fortitude and pluck brought her through.

And now Gran is ready to leave the hospital.

To where?

## TAFFY WAS A BARBER... TAFFY WAS RAID HERO

(By A Special Correspondent)

TAFFY DAVIES doesn't look like a hero, perhaps because in his former profession — he was a hair dresser before the war — it pays to be self-effacing.

But mention his name to anyone in the London district where he lives, and no doubt will be left in your mind that he's the real thing.

An A.F.S. man, Taffy—John Llewellyn Davies—was off duty one night when a heavy bomb exploded in his street, seriously damaging a number of houses.

Leaving his wife and two children in the air-raid shelter, Mr. Davies rushed out and, not troubling about the fact that his own house had the roof off and all windows broken, made for a fire raging about 100 yards away.

As he ran down the street a girl called to him, "Please get my Mum and Dad out!"

Dashing into the wreckage of a partly demolished house, Taffy managed to reach Mr. and Mrs. Firth and got them clear.

He had only just done so when he heard shouts from the other side of the road, where a house had collapsed.

Crawling into the debris, he forced his way to where he could see a father, mother and three-year-old boy. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and their son Ronnie—lying on beds unable to move.

### With Bare Hands

"Luckily the wreckage had become wedged, and, although they were held down, they were not badly hurt," Mr. Davies told me. "I dug my way through and eventually got them out."

Actually, he hacked away with his fireman's axe and fought with bare hands to clear the debris sufficiently to make a tunnel through which he could crawl.

After working for an hour, later with the help of wardens, he got to the trapped family and pulled them out into the open air.

While he was working he heard Ken Taylor, the other member of the family, crying beneath wreckage in another part of the house.

He tried to get to him by moving the fallen debris, but the heap of rubble began to cave in.

Even then he would have gone on. But "the other chaps insisted on pulling me out," said Taffy. "I was nearly all in and had to let them."

He was given a glass of water, and a stretcher party got him back to his house. But he was out again within five minutes.

### "We Are Lucky"

He helped to free three more people.

Then he went through the whole street checking up the whereabouts of all the residents in case any might be still beneath the wrecked buildings.

Some people wrote to the town council expressing their admiration.

The Mayor called to thank Taffy. When Mrs. Churchill, the Premier's wife, visited the district a few days later, she asked to be introduced to the man all the people were talking about. Said the Mayor: "We are lucky to have such a chap in the borough."

## GIRL, 15, SAVES BOY IN RIVER

Two Girl Guides who rescued little boys from drowning were awarded medals of merit by the Girl Guides' Association.

They are Sea Guide Peggy Durman, aged fifteen, of Lower Street Dartmouth, a member of the "Research" Sea Ranger crew, and Beryl Smith, aged twelve, of the 1st Tunstall Company, Staffordshire.

Peggy heard screams coming from a ferry slip, and saw that Gordon Physick, aged five, had fallen into the river and was being carried out by the ebb tide. She jumped in.

She is a good swimmer states the official account, but the tide was strong and the boy is big for his age, while Peggy Durman is small. She found it all she could do to bring him ashore, swimming with him under her arm.

Beryl can swim only a little, but she saved her four-year-old brother from drowning in a lake when he imitated boys who were diving.

## WIVES AIM TO RAISE £500,000

More than 300 Grimsby fishermen have lost their lives at sea since the war began. Now the town's money, as well as its men, is being put at the country's service.

When their men went, wives and sweethearts dried their eyes and went on knitting comforts for the men who were spared.

Now they have put down their knitting for a few days to help raise in a week £500,000 on loan to buy a destroyer to bear the port's name.

The Mayor of Grimsby, Alderman John Sutton, told a reporter: "No town in the country has been harder hit than Grimsby."

"Up to last week we had raised £1,150,000 as war savings."

"This week we have already got more than half the £500,000 required to buy the destroyer, and we shall have reached the half-million mark very shortly."

## CRIPPLED, BUT DOING HIS BIT

Although crippled since the age of three with infantile paralysis, twenty-seven-year-old Henry James Ruddick, of Parkside Avenue, Romford, Essex, was determined to make some contribution to the war effort.

Since he has the use of only one leg, any of the fighting Services were obviously out of the question, and for a long time every effort he made to do his bit was frustrated.

A teacher of music before the war, his pupils had fallen off, his living was almost gone, and he was advised to evacuate under one of the Government schemes. But Mr. Ruddick is of different mettle.

Eventually he reached the A.F.S. headquarters, having heard that telephone operators were required.

He is now doing a twenty-four-hour shift with fit men.

"I knew I could do it, and it is great to feel that for the first time in my life I am really doing a man's job," he said.

## WAR WORK IS SO HEALTHY!

Although Birmingham is one of the hardest worked cities in the country to-day, its people are healthier than they were before the war.

In his report for 1939-40, just issued, Dr. H. P. Newsholme says that of the effect of war conditions on the city.

"The general statistics give little suggestion of any obvious damage to health, and for the greater part indicate a growth in health."

"It would be difficult to point to any one item in the mortality or morbidity list of casualties as arising even indirectly from the war."

"There were 1,031 infant deaths which gives an infant mortality rate of 60 per 1,000 births against 61 for 1938. This is equal to the lowest rate ever attained in the city."

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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

# THREE TEAMS ENTERED FOR NOVICES BOXING

## Royal Artillery's Debut Entry

### Scots Favoured For Fourth Title

By "Squaddy"

THREE TEAMS HAVE entered for the Inter-Unit Team Novices boxing competition which is being held on February 12 and 13 at Nanking Barracks, Shamshuipo.

The three competing teams are the Combined Royal Artillery, Royal Scots, and the Middlesex Regt.

This is the first season that the Royal Artillery have entered for this competition, and they might bring one or two surprises.

The draw for the above competition is as follows:

February 12—Middlesex Regt. v Combined Royal Artillery.

February 13. Finals—Royal Scots v Winners of the above match.

Boxing will commence at 8.30 p.m. each evening.

This season the Army have several experienced boxing judges and referees, who have been attending a referees' and judges' course during the last month at the Garrison Gymnasium under the supervision of Q.M.S.I. Percy of the A.P.T.S.

Royal Scots who have won this competition for the last three seasons are again expected to win, although Middlesex have been training hard during the last two months, and also Royal Artillery are not to be overlooked.

LAST Saturday the Army Association Football Selection Committee met to decide their team for the Final.

Football of the Lan Wah Club match against the Civilians in the near future.

The team will remain the same as which defeated the Chinese except for the goalkeeper's position which might have to be filled with L/Cpl. Reynolds, in place of L/Cpl. Barker who is in hospital suffering from slight concussion, sustained in the match with the Chinese on January 27, and Hossack will take his original place at inside right, where he was first selected to play but was not fit for the last match.

The Army team will be as follows:

L/Cpl. Barker (Royal Scots) or L/Cpl. Reynolds (R.A.O.C.); Pte. Naysmith (Royal Scots) and Sgt. Fraser (Royal Scots); Cpl. Birrell (Royal Engineers); L/Cpl. Bright (Middlesex Regt.) and Sgt. Freshwater (Middlesex Regt.); Sgt. Owens (12th Hvy. Regt., R.A.); Pte. Hossack (Royal Scots); Spr. Fox (Royal Engineers); Cpl. Weir (R.A.S.C.) and S/Sgt. Duffield (Capt.) (R.A.O.C.).

Reserves—Gnr. Lawton (5th A.A. Regt., R.A.); Bdr. Guv (8th Hvy. Regt., R.A.); L/Sgt. Craven (5th A.A. Regt., R.A.); Spr. Pelham (Royal Engineers) and Pte. Munroe (Royal Scots).

At last the Army have found a winning combination, and it is a good many seasons since this has been accomplished, and it is hoped that they will be able to continue with this successful combination. They were well served by S/Sgt. Duffield of the R.A.O.C., as a skipper and he guided them well in the last match.

Royal Engineers were given a surprise in the Junior Shield on Saturday when they were knocked out by a Third Division side, the 36th Hvy. Bty., R.A. This is the Engineer's first defeat this season.

Royal Army Service Corps were again successful in this competition when they defeated 24th Bty., R.A. by one goal to nil at Sookun-poo on Sunday.

Royal Corps of Signals did well to hold 30th Bty., R.A., to a draw after extra time. The 30th Bty., R.A. are the holders of the Junior Shield, and have big hopes of retaining it again this season.

TO-NIGHT at the Y.M.C.A., Cpl. Harvey of the Royal Army Medical Corps will play Pereira of the H.K.V.D. Corps in a Snooker Exhibition in aid of the "South China Morning Post".

Bomber Fund, commencing at 8 p.m.

Cpl. Harvey was the winner of this year's Snooker Individual Championships.

Two weeks ago Cpl. Harvey was beaten by Pereira in a Snooker match by points, although Harvey won two out of three frames.

TO-DAY at Sookunpoo two more Large Units Rugby matches are being played and the first game will be between the Middlesex Regt. and the Combined Small Units, at 3.15 p.m.

The second game will be between Combined Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers, at 4.45 p.m.

### TAMAR'S CRICKET WIN

At King's Park on Sunday, H.M.S. Tamar beat Royal Army Pay Corps by 7 wickets in a friendly cricket match.

R.A.P.C.  
Luckhurst, b. West 16  
Boocock, c. West, b. Roughley 9  
Carden, b. West 0  
Hemming, c. and b. Roughley 12  
Pinkney, b. West 4  
Haskins, c. Hopkins, b. West 6  
Happe, not out 23  
Standing, b. West 0  
Stone, c. Roughley, b. West 1  
Smart, c. Bainborough, b. Horgan 6  
Extras (W1, L13, LB1, NB1) 0

Totals (for 9 wkts. dec.) 68  
A. N. Other did not bat.  
Bowling Analysis  
O. M. R. W.  
West 10 2 23 6  
Roughley 6 1 26 2  
Horgan 3.5 0 13 1

H.M.S. TAMAR  
West, c. Happe, b. Haskins 5  
Boyes, c. Boocock, b. Smart 46  
Roughley, b. Boocock 4  
Horgan, c. and b. Haskins 7  
Hopkins, c. and b. Smart 21  
Sharp, b. Smart 6  
Bainborough, c. and b. Smart 0  
Jones, run out 0  
Marie, c. and b. Standing 0  
Burns, b. Standing 5  
Daniels, not out 6  
Extras (W2, LB12) 14

Totals 114  
Bowling Analysis  
O. M. R. W.  
Haskins 6 0 20 2  
Boocock 7 2 23 1  
Luckhurst 2 0 16 0  
Standing 4.4 1 19 2  
Smart 4 0 23 4

### REFEREES' MEETING TO-DAY

The Monthly Meeting of the Hong Kong Football Referees' Association will be held at the Hotel Cecil to-day at 8 p.m. A talk on Soccer will be given by one of the members.

Mr. John Ball, who won the Amateur Golf Championship eight times, has died. First amateur to win the Open title and, until Bobby Jones accomplished the feat, the only man to win the Amateur and Open in the same year, he was 78 years of age.

### WEEK-END SOCCER PROGRAMME

The following is the soccer programme for the coming week-end:

**Saturday**  
**FIRST DIVISION**  
Sing Tao v Kowloon (Club, 4.15 p.m.)  
Club v Middlesex (Causeway Bay, 4.15 p.m.)  
Police v Royal Scots (Boundary Street, 4.15 p.m.)  
South China v St. Joseph's (Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.)  
**SECOND DIVISION**  
Kit Chee v Service Corps (St. Joseph's, 2.45 p.m.)  
Sing Tao v Club (Club, 2.45 p.m.)  
Ordnance v Engineers (Military, 4.15 p.m.)  
Police v Kowloon (Boundary Street, 2.45 p.m.)  
30th R.A. v Middlesex (Stanley, 2.45 p.m.)  
South China v Kwong Wah (Caroline Hill, 2.45 p.m.)  
**THIRD DIVISION**  
12th R.A. v Service Corps (Stanley, 4.15 p.m.)  
Shell v Engineers (St. Joseph's, 4.15 p.m.)  
Medicals v 35th R.A. (Military, 2.45 p.m.)

**Sunday**  
**FIRST DIVISION**  
Navy v Eastern (Causeway Bay, 4.15 p.m.)  
**SECOND DIVISION**  
Navy v Royal Scots (Causeway Bay, 2.45 p.m.)  
**THIRD DIVISION**  
36th R.A. v Signals (Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)  
20th R.A. v 7th R.A. (Sookunpoo, 2.45 p.m.)  
International v A.S.A. (Chatham Road, 2.45 p.m.)  
Air Force v 24th R.A. (Chatham Road, 4.15 p.m.)

### FOOTBALLERS AND SERVICE

So many box-office stars are in uniform that obviously the future of sport depends largely on the good will of Service chiefs, says a sports writer.

This is increasingly true in Soccer, Rugby, boxing, golf, and cricket, so the anxious controllers of these games will welcome the conference called by the Army Sports Control Board.

I can relieve the fears of Soccer and Rugby clubs may find it is going to be more difficult to rely on their soldier and R.A.F. players. Throughout the various commands, sport's plight is recognised, and it is believed there is no intention of adding to civilian club difficulties.

So long as it is realised that the first and last word on the release of a Service player must be with his commanding officer, the player will get sympathetic treatment.

It will not be surprising if Soccer clubs are told they can do more to help themselves by, at once notifying other clubs when they know a Service player had been moved to their area.

### Selfish Clubs

There is still a deal of selfishness operating in this respect, and it has led to attractive players sometimes being left without a Regional game.

The "players pool" idea, if all the clubs play their part unselfishly, can at least ensure there will be no shortage of first-class players.

Whether the fading Soccer public can be wooed back is another matter, but it will at least help if the crowd is assured of first, instead of second, class fare with hurriedly revised teams.

### ANOTHER WIN FOR 'VARSITY

Playing at home, University "A" beat Chinese "Y" by 8 games to one, in an "A" Division Badminton League match last night.

On the first meeting of these two Clubs, University won 7-2. P. K. Hui and H. F. Chew (University) beat C. Au and P. H. Wong, 23-20; beat C. Y. Yung and F. Koh, 21-6; beat H. Koh and P. C. Lau, 21-9; K. W. Choy and C. K. Li (University) beat Au and Wong, 21-9; beat Yung and Koh, 21-13; beat Hok and Lau, 23-20; M. P. Yoong and Y. P. Yoong (University) lost to Au and Wong, 20-21; beat Yung and Koh, 21-6; beat Hok and Lau, 21-2.

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| University "B" | 2 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 8  | 2    |
| Recreio        | 3 | 2 | 1 | 9  | 18 | 2    |
| Chinese "Y"    | 4 | 3 | 1 | 11 | 25 | 2    |

### TO-DAY'S HOCKEY

Following have been chosen to represent Hong Kong Hockey Club in the quadrangular hockey tournament against Indian Army, on Club ground to-day at 4.45 p.m. Benwell, Taylor, and Bond; McLellan, Reed and N. Whitley; Smith, T. Whitley, E. Fowler, A. Guest and Morgan. Umpire: Tyas.

### SUNDAY'S HOCKEY

Following are the Hong Kong Hockey Association tournament fixtures for Sunday: 10.30 A.M. Punjab v A. N. O'her XI; Signals v Police "A"; Khalsa v C.B.A.; 5th A.A. "A" v Recreio; Destroyers v University 4.00 P.M. Nomads v 2/M.T.B.'s; Police "B" v Engineers; 5th A.A. "B" v Gunboats.

### GARRISON SNOOKER FIXTURES

Following are the fixtures for Garrison Snooker League:—

|                       |   |                   |
|-----------------------|---|-------------------|
| Eng. Sgts' Mess       | v | R.A. Station Mess |
| Military Police       | v | Engineers "A"     |
| R.A.P.C.              | v | Signals "A"       |
| R.A.M.C.              | v | Signals' Mess     |
| MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10   |   |                   |
| R.A. Station Mess     | v | Signals "A"       |
| Engineers "A"         | v | Eng. Sgts' Mess   |
| Signals' Mess         | v | R.A.P.C.          |
| R.A.M.C.              | v | Military Police   |
| THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13 |   |                   |
| Signals' Mess         | v | R.A. Station Mess |
| Signals "A"           | v | Engineers "A"     |
| Military Police       | v | Eng. Sgts' Mess   |
| R.A.P.C.              | v | R.A.M.C.          |
| MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17   |   |                   |
| R.A. Station Mess     | v | R.A.M.C.          |
| Engineers "A"         | v | Signals' Mess     |
| Eng Sgts' Mess        | v | Signals "A"       |
| R.A.P.C.              | v | Military Police   |
| THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20 |   |                   |
| Military Police       | v | R.A. Station Mess |
| R.A.M.C.              | v | Engineers "A"     |
| Signals' Mess         | v | Eng. Sgts' Mess   |
| Military Police       | v | Signals "A"       |
| MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24   |   |                   |
| R.A. Station Mess     | v | Military Police   |
| Engineers "A"         | v | R.A.P.C.          |
| Eng Sgts' Mess        | v | R.A.M.C.          |
| Signals "A"           | v | Signals' Mess     |
| THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27 |   |                   |
| Engineers "A"         | v | R.A. Station Mess |
| R.A.P.C.              | v | Eng. Sgts' Mess   |
| R.A.M.C.              | v | Signals "A"       |
| Military Police       | v | Signals' Mess     |
| MONDAY, MARCH 3       |   |                   |
| R.A. Station Mess     | v | Eng. Sgts' Mess   |
| Engineers "A"         | v | Military Police   |
| Signals "A"           | v | R.A.P.C.          |
| Signals' Mess         | v | R.A.M.C.          |
| THURSDAY, MARCH 6     |   |                   |
| Signals "A"           | v | R.A. Station Mess |
| Eng. Sgts' Mess       | v | Engineers "A"     |
| R.A.P.C.              | v | Signals' Mess     |
| Military Police       | v | R.A.M.C.          |
| MONDAY, MARCH 10      |   |                   |
| R.A. Stat on Mess     | v | Signals' Mess     |
| Engineers "A"         | v | Signals "A"       |
| Eng Sgts' Mess        | v | Military Police   |
| R.A.M.C.              | v | R.A.P.C.          |
| THURSDAY, MARCH 13    |   |                   |
| R.A.M.C.              | v | R.A. Station Mess |
| Signals' Mess         | v | Engineers "A"     |
| Signals "A"           | v | Eng. Sgts' Mess   |
| Military Police       | v | R.A.P.C.          |
| MONDAY, MARCH 17      |   |                   |
| R.A. Station Mess     | v | R.A.P.C.          |
| Engineers "A"         | v | R.A.M.C.          |
| Eng Sgts' Mess        | v | Signals' Mess     |
| Signals "A"           | v | Military Police   |
| THURSDAY, MARCH 20    |   |                   |
| Military Police       | v | R.A. Station Mess |
| R.A.P.C.              | v | Engineers "A"     |
| R.A.M.C.              | v | Eng Sgts' Mess    |
| Signals' Mess         | v | Signals "A"       |

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# DYING PONY DERBY HERO WINS RECORD RACE

By A Correspondent

SCOTTISH RIFLE, a pony which won the Northolt Derby for Miss Dorothy Paget, has been rescued from death's door to win a race in record time.

Sent to Malaya, Scottish Rifle was found by Captain Rufus Bowden, an Army veterinary surgeon and younger son of Mr. Arther Bowden, of Epsom, who is well known in Surrey business and sporting circles to be seriously ill and dying.

He not only restored the pony to health, but Scottish Rifle won a race in record time.

The captain was not quite aware that he had such a distinguished patient.

In a letter to his father he says he "thinks" Scottish Rifle won the Northolt Derby. He now knows enough about him to write that the colt is a super-horse.

Monty Smyth, the leading pony trainer, tells me there has been a good market for English racing ponies in Malaya and the East, and fairly high prices have been realised.

## Stardust Not For Sale

An offer to buy Stardust, second in the St. Leger and "Guineas," has been made from America but has not been accepted. No offer to purchase the "Leger" winner, Turkhan, has yet been made.

Meanwhile I learn that the Aga Khan has decided to send Turkhan and Dastur to the Old Connell Stud, Co. Kildare, in the near future. Each will stand at a fee of £75. Dastur has been at stud in England for the past six years.

Both stallions were bred at Sheshoon, Co. Kildare, which is quite close to their new home.

## DERBY WINNER RETIRED TO STUD

It is surprising that Pont l'Eveque, winner of the Derby at Newmarket in June, has seen the last of the public track and that he goes to stud at the remarkably low fee of £98.

This must be the lowest within memory for a newly-retired Derby winner. It is of course, due partly to present conditions.

The fees for both Hyperion and Blue Peter are 400 guineas.

Pont l'Eveque's owner-trainer, Fred Darling, would probably have been able to stipulate a higher fee had the colt won the Champion Stakes instead of finishing third to the disqualified Stardust, or even if he had decided to reserve him for the Thirsk St. Leger, where the longer distance would have suited the Derby winner.

V. G. B. Legge, former Kent captain, killed while flying with the Fleet Air Arm, held the rare distinction of having captained Oxford in his second year. He was a first-class slip.

England Football Association have given another £1,000 towards Army Soccer equipment.

## HENRY COTTON FULLY BOOKED FOR YEAR

Henry Cotton has been booked up for 1941, but he has nothing yet settled for 1942-3 or 4. Looks like a long war.

But it is true he has three dates fixed, with the usual reservation, of course. The clubs are Sherwood Forest, Luffenham Heath and Church Stretton.

And Henry, although now having only one free day a week in which to back his travelling as well as his match, is asking for more! Secretaries should get busy.

The Cotton matches now total £27,770, and Henry wants to make it £30,000 by the spring.

# MISS HARDWICK'S DECISION NO GREAT SURPRISE

IT WAS NO SURPRISE to hear that golden-haired Mary Hardwick has gone professional, and will make the fourth on the Budge-Tilden-Marble tour starting at Madison Square Garden.

She is handing over to America's British War Relief Fund a percentage of her earnings which will be substantial.

As an amateur she just missed championship class, possibly through sacrificing hitting power for style.

Miss Hardwick's hero was always Tilden, and she says she will be thrilled to be in active tennis with him.

"His appearance at Wimbledon in 1930 was the first big match I watched," she says.

It was Bill's last season before turning professional and this would have happened a year earlier but for Tilden, after publicly announcing his retirement, being so raw over America's Davis Cup defeat by France that he decided to have another crack at the 1930 title—just to show that Americans could still play tennis.

He won, after a memorable battle with Wilmer Allison—and only lost two sets (to Jean Borotra) on the way to the final. Bill was then 37.

## AL. PERRY JOINS UP

Friends of the 1935 Open champion, Alfred Perry, were sorry to hear that he was leaving his club at Leatherhead.

Perry has joined the Army, and went to the West country for a few weeks before his age group is called up.

People will miss his modest announcement over his shop, which proclaims him Assistant champion 1924-25, and which Alfred never troubled to have altered when he won the greatest golfing honour of all.

The Assistant's title was the first he ever won, and he was more thrilled by that than any victory in his subsequent career.

Jimmy Lyden, Bootle, beat Basil McGee, Liverpool, on points at Blackpool recently.

## BOXER WHO MADE BOXING LAWFUL

Jack Roberts, British feather-weight champion of 40 years ago, who was admitted to hospital suffering from injuries caused in an air raid, has one claim to fame.

The sequel to one of his fights was the ruling that boxing is lawful and was not prize-fighting.

Roberts had knocked out Dilly Smith the American champion, at the N.S.C. in the eighth round. Smith died two days later in hospital.

The ruling was made following a two-day inquiry at which J. H. Douglas gave evidence.

When Roberts was fighting Will Curley for the title at the N.S.C. three months before, members laid and accepted 1,000 to 1 against him.

He had been following his second's advice and had been taking a terrific hiding. In the eighth round he boxed "on his own" and knocked Curley out.

## LEAGUE CUP TWO-SECTION AFFAIR

The League Cup, to be played for in the second half of the English season, will remain a two-section affair.

This was the somewhat surprising statement made by Mr. Fred Howard, the League secretary, after the meeting of the Management Committee at Blackburn recently.

It is surprising because it was believed that in view of the altered circumstances a reversion to a four-section affair (as last season) was essential for the Cup's success.

Football Association have decided that large numbers of affiliated clubs who have not paid subscriptions shall be readmitted to membership without payment of entry fee at end of war.

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# LEASE AND LEND DEBATE

## War In Six Months, Says Hamilton Fish

### OFFENSIVE PATROL IN N.W. FRANCE

Targets in north-west occupied France were bombed in the course of an offensive patrol by a small force of bombers shortly before dawn yesterday, says Reuter from London.

### Willkie To See The King

As the culminating event in his extensive tour of Britain under war conditions Mr. Wendell Willkie expects to see the King and Queen to-day.

Mr. Willkie yesterday saw how Liverpool is taking the blitz.

Early a fire, he inspected bombed areas in the city and later, at the Town Hall, said that what he had seen proved that this type of warfare, with all its cruelty, was not accomplishing the desired end of shaking the morale of the population. Rather was it increasing the people's resolution.

Mr. Willkie visited dockland where he was called "a great guy." —Reuter.

## Bill Submitted As Defence Measure

A "PURELY DEFENCE measure" was the description applied by Representative Sabbath, Chairman of the Rules Committee, formally opening the debate on the Lease and Lend Bill in the House of Representatives in Washington yesterday.

Hamilton Fish, the first Republican speaker, predicted that the United States would be involved in war in Europe within six months of the Bill being approved unchanged.

A hot discussion was initiated by Representative Dirksen, who referred to Lord Halifax's visit on Saturday to Mr. Sol Bloom, Chairman of the House Foreign Relations Committee, who afterwards stated he assured Lord Halifax the Bill would be passed without major change.

Mr. Dirksen termed this "extraordinary procedure" and demanded a report of what happened when Lord Halifax called.

### "Very Improper"

Mr. Bloom, with flushed face, replied in a tense voice that the only things mentioned were the exhibition of the Magna Charta and the procedure to be followed in Congress in regard to the Bill. Mr. Bloom added that Mr. Dirksen's question was very improper.

Mr. Dirksen replied: "America's destiny hangs in the balance. This is a proper question." —Reuter.

### Senate Committee Begins Task

The Lease and Lend Bill would "vest in one man the decision of peace or war in this country," said Senator Philip LaFollette before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in Washington yesterday.

Senator LaFollette, twice Governor of Wisconsin, organised the National Progressives of America in 1939.

He said M. Daladier told him in March, 1939, that France expected the United States to help with money, materials and men.

"Money and materials are in this Bill and I have no hesitation in saying the President would be justified in regarding this legislation as a mandate to carry out the full implications of entrance into the war."

### Socialist Attitude

Mr. Norman Thomas, the Socialist leader, testifying before the Committee, asserted that the passage of the Bill would almost certainly be followed by the despatch of troops to Europe.

It increased the danger of the United States finding themselves involved in total war. "The victory we should then want, namely the elimination of the power not only of the Axis but also of Japan, would logically require troops in Asia and Europe, and perhaps Africa." —Reuter.

## GEN. SMUTS WARNS THE TROOPS

A special order has been issued by General Smuts, Prime Minister and General Officer Commanding the Union of South Africa defence forces, drawing the attention of all ranks to the necessity of observing orderly conduct "even in face of frequent provocation."

The order says General Smuts views with the gravest disapproval the riotous conduct of certain members of the forces at Johannesburg on Friday and Saturday, the effect of which, whatever the circumstances, can only bring discredit upon the uniform and embarrass him.

General Smuts will take severe disciplinary action, the order continues, to ensure the maintenance of respect for authority and obedience to civil law, "which is as necessary in the normal life of our cities as discipline is necessary in face of the enemy." —Reuter.

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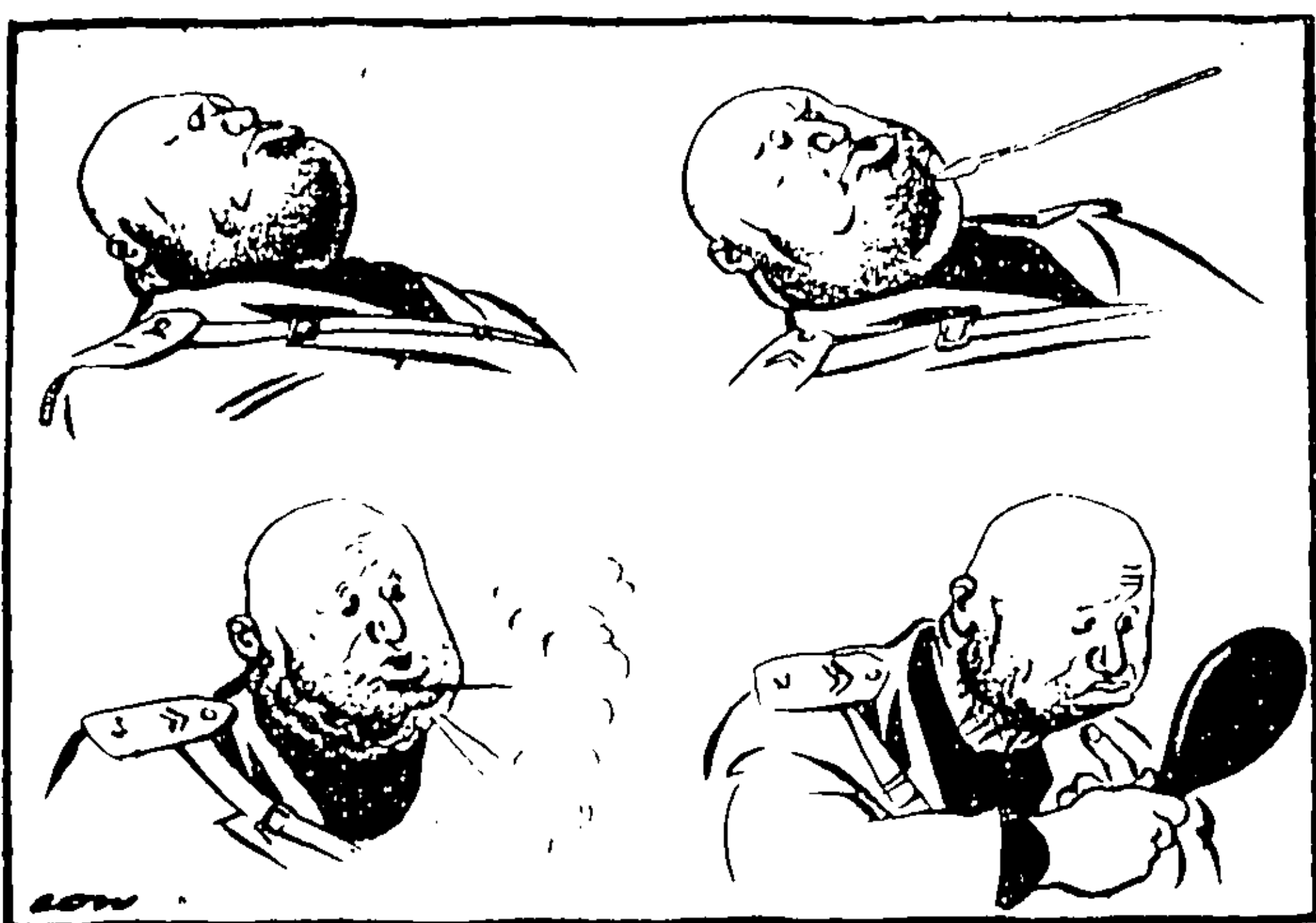
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## GERMAN FIGHTER SQUADRONS FORCED TO MOVE

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

THE R.A.F. FIGHTER SWEEPS OVER OCCUPIED FRANCE ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE MET WITH SO LITTLE FIGHTER OPPOSITION FOR TWO REASONS —

Because they surprised the German air force and because it is probable that a number of German fighter squadrons have been forced to move back from their indifferently surfaced advanced aerodromes.

A senior officer of the R.A.F. also stated in London yesterday that it was the opinion of Air Marshal Sir Richard Peirse, operational leader of the R.A.F. offensive, that the lulls in the air in the past fortnight, particularly at night, have been due to the phenomenally bad weather over most of north-west Europe.

Suggestions that the Nazi lull in defensive as well as offensive

action is due to energy being conserved for a "knock-out" blow are discounted in London. Weather conditions have grounded the Luftwaffe squadrons attacking Britain which are based entirely at advanced aerodromes outside Germany.

### Huge Estimate

I gather that estimates that Germany has a fleet of 18,000 aircraft ready to launch an invasion with another 18,000 in reserve, have not dismayed the British authorities.

THE TOTAL OF FRONT-LINE NAZI PLANES AVAILABLE FOR ANY MAJOR ONSLAUGHT IS BELIEVED IN WELL-INFORMED QUARTERS TO BE BUT A PROPORTION OF 18,000. —REUTER.

## NUISANCE RAIDS ON LONDON

Raids were made by several enemy aircraft flying singly over the east and southeast coasts during yesterday morning and afternoon.

Bombs were dropped at several places in London, East Anglia and Kent.

Some damage was done and a small number of people killed in a Kent coast town.

An enemy bomber was shot down by R.A.F. fighters over the Essex coast in the afternoon.

Reports from various sources suggest that all the crew of the destroyed German bomber perished.

Over London the raiders indulged in indiscriminate bombing and the raids generally appeared to have no particular objective beyond creating a nuisance. —Reuter.

## TRIPOLI AIR BASE STRAFED

Castel Benito — important Italian base in Tripoli — and environs were very heavily and successfully bombed yesterday by the R.A.F. states a Cairo communique.

The raid took place in the early hours and several tons of high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped.

At least seven enemy aircraft on the ground on the aerodrome were destroyed by fire. Direct hits were scored on a large hangar and buildings which

# ADMIRAL DARLAN GOES TO PARIS FOR FATEFUL TALKS

IT WAS OFFICIALLY announced in Vichy yesterday that Admiral Darlan had left for Paris, the announcement crowning a day of conflicting rumours in connection with his intentions and whereabouts.

During yesterday morning the Swiss radio stated that Admiral Darlan had gone to Paris, a statement which was supported later by Budapest radio.

Budapest radio added that Admiral Darlan had been informed by the German authorities that further conversations would be useless until Vichy clearly realised the position created by the establishment of the Rassemblement National Populaire—the Nazi-inspired party in occupied France rivaling Marshal Petain.

Subsequent reports suggested that Admiral Darlan hoped to find a mean between the Vichy Government and the new National Party.

The success or otherwise of Admiral Darlan's efforts in Paris may conceivably have an important bearing on immediate European developments. —Reuter.

### Vichy In Fighting Mood

The leaders of the new Nazi-inspired National Party in Paris were attacked last night by Lyons radio, which was emphatic that the party had no connection with the organisation of the national revolution formed under the patronage of Marshal Petain.

"We are obliged to place on record the qualities of the men who form this assembly.

"Among them are Goy and Rivolet, who ceaselessly opposed the Marshal's Government. The presence will also be noted of de

## GERMAN BOMBS KILL ITALIANS

A large number of Italian prisoners lost their lives when a merchantman evacuating prisoners from the Libyan coast was attacked by two enemy planes, believed to be German, an Admiralty communique stated in London yesterday.

The ship, which was attacked on Friday, January 31, was hit and sustained some damage. —Reuter.

Loncle, head of the Cagoulards (Hooded Men).

"FINALLY THE SUPPORT OF A NUMBER OF FREEMASONS MAY BE NOTED." —REUTER.

## Japs. Dig Up New Life Line

IT IS SELF-EVIDENT THAT JAPAN WILL GO FORWARD WITH HER FIXED POLICY WHATEVER ATTITUDE THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES MAY TAKE TOWARDS JAPAN'S REQUEST FOR COOPERATION IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPHERE OF COMMON PROSPERITY THROUGHOUT GREATER EAST ASIA, STATED THE "KOKUMIN SHIMBUN" IN TOKYO YESTERDAY.

The paper was commenting on the statement of Mr. Naoki Hoshino, president of the Planning Board and Minister without Portfolio.

"Establishment of a sphere of common prosperity throughout greater East Asia could not be completed without incorporating the South Sea region," Mr. Hoshino declared in reply to an interpellation at a committee meeting in the House of Representatives.

He hinted that the South Sea region forms Japan's "life-line." —Reuter.

were set afire.

In addition other R.A.F. planes machine-gunned motor transport on the west of the aerodrome and on the main road near Zanzur, causing considerable damage.

All R.A.F. planes returned safely. —Reuter.

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# Air Force Blasting A Way For Wavell Army

ROADS BETWEEN Derna and Benghazi, in Libya, were strafed on Sunday by R.A.F. bombers and fighters, while 25 miles south-west of Appollonia troops and lorries were machine-gunned at Slonta. Thirteen lorries were destroyed.

This is revealed in an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo which adds that other attacks on motor transport were made at Maraua and on the road between that place and Gubba.

The aerodrome at Appollonia was attacked and three Ghiblis (twin-engined general purpose monoplane) and one Caproni bomber destroyed.

Here also troops and transport were effectively machine-gunned.

One Fiat biplane fighter was shot down at Cirene, 10 miles south of Appollonia.

On Saturday the South African Air Force bombed enemy emplacements in East Africa.

## Barentu Bombed

Supporting the army offensive the R.A.F. made diving attacks on fort buildings at Barentu, which was hit by several bombs. Others fell among a concentration of motor transport where at least 50 vehicles were rendered unserviceable.

West of Asmara, another concentration of motor vehicles were attacked while direct hits were scored on the road.

A Savoia bomber was shot down at Agordat and during the whole of these operations only one British aircraft failed to return safely.—Reuter.

## STOCK MARKET QUIETLY FIRM

The London Stock Exchange was quietly firm yesterday apart from gilt-edged and Indian stocks eased in late dealings. Good demand for home rails was the chief feature while Kaffirs were firmly held despite the reported Johannesburg incidents. Diamonds and oils improved, as well as Ja-

## WILLKIE FINDS HIS ANSWER

Mr. Wendell Willkie's sixty-minute tour of the bomb-damaged area of Manchester included some of the most enthusiastic scenes there for many years.

Dense crowds stopped his car time and again and the police bodyguard had to be augmented to save him from being mobbed by admirers.

He told a reporter: "I have found the answer to the question I set out to ask," referring to the hundreds of people with whom he had spoken. "The people's spirit is magnificent. I don't believe any nation in the world is more united in a cause than the people of the British Isles."

Mr. Willkie said he was more impressed by what was still being produced by industry than by damage done.—Reuter.

panese bonds, while further small speculative buying of Europeans was seen. Wall Street was irregular.—Reuter.



The Armorer loading a Blenheim of the Coastal Command with small bombs used for attacking enemy escort vessels, prior to taking off for Denmark. (Copyright, Fox).

## ALL SOUTHERN ITALY DECLARED A WAR ZONE

Mussolini has declared the whole of southern Italy a war zone and has placed it under martial law, according to Greek press reports quoted by Athens radio last night, says Reuter.

## GREEKS PUSH ON IN RAIN

Greek troops, defying heavy rain, on the whole front scored new successes yesterday, according to a Press Ministry statement broadcast by Athens radio last night.

The statement says the Greek forces increased their relentless pressure on the Italian positions on the central front.

Greek heavy guns maintained a ceaseless fire on dominant points of the line recently captured from the enemy.

Local surprise attacks upon Italian posts on various sectors of the front resulted in the capture of sentries without a shot being fired.

Mopping up operations in the mountains north of Klissoura have been completed, and the last vestige of Italian resistance was eliminated without any serious effort.

### Way Open

The obstacles overcome by the Greek troops now open the way for action on a wider scale.

After the disasters they suffered on the previous days, the Italians refrained from any offensive action on Monday, except against one height beyond Klissoura where they launched 12 consecutive attacks, all of which were repulsed with bloody losses to the enemy.—Reuter.

## CANADIANS TO FORM TANK DIVISION

The Canadian Government will spend over \$100,000,000 during the 1941/42 fiscal year to form and equip an armoured division and tank brigade to reinforce the Canadian Corps overseas, stated Colonel Ralston, National Defence Minister, at a press conference in Ottawa yesterday.—Reuter.

## R.A.F. BOMBERS GIVING LIKE FOR LIKE

"THE PEOPLE OF THIS country have withstood the German onslaught with magnificent courage but they can feel that the Bomber Command is giving like for like," said a senior R.A.F. officer yesterday in a talk with pressmen in London.

"The Germans in the past have gone into the ring and put their heavyweights up against bantams and lightweights.

"Doubtless it was very amusing but Germany won't find it so amusing, but more deadly, when they realise they are in the ring with another heavyweight.

"I think the Bomber Command has already developed a very good straight left and they are busy strengthening up a very formidable right."

Dealing with the "sweep" of the French coast by British fighters the officer explained that when the Germans carried the attack into Great Britain we fought it out in this country but

"as we get stronger so we will lean out and attack the Germans on their side of the Channel and carry the battle into his country, so to speak, and show him quite clearly that he cannot wander about our southern counties."—Reuter.

### Gen. Milch's Admission

So far the German air defences cause R.A.F. bombers no undue worry, a high air officer in London said yesterday.

Referring to the recent speech of the Nazi air chief, General Milch, the officer said Milch found it necessary to explain to the German public that far from being able to give immunity from British bombers, "night raiders are very difficult to find."

Speaking of damage done by R.A.F. attacks the R.A.F. officer said pilots' reports contained an accurate account, which was supported in the second place by subsequent photographs and thirdly by information received from independent sources.

He instanced the Mannheim raids of December, in which information received established that some hits were obtained on railways, causing damage; it would take three weeks to repair, while 248 industrial premises were destroyed and considerable damage done to the inland port.

German railways and communications were strained to capacity, he said, and any loss of time could never be made up. Hence the value of raids which caused dislocation of communications.

Many targets were selected by the Ministry of Economic Warfare and at present the Achilles Heel of the Nazi war economy was synthetic oil production.—British Wireless.

## PRISON FOR LOOTING

A lot of looting is being done by respectable and otherwise honest people who are tempted on the spur of the moment, said Mr. Ronald Powell, the Westminster Magistrate.

He sentenced William Charles Mitchell (58), caretaker, of Little College Street, S. W., to 21 days' imprisonment for stealing three tins of preserved food worth 2s. 6d. from premises damaged by enemy action.

For Mitchell, it was said that he picked up the tins out of "idle curiosity" and had no intention to steal.

The Magistrate said: "I think it right to give a warning that I intend to treat cases of looting with the severity they demand."

## JERRY'S GOOD DEED

A Kent poultry-farmer recently lost many hens to a mysterious night raider, and, having called in the help of the local experts, decided that the culprit was a badger.

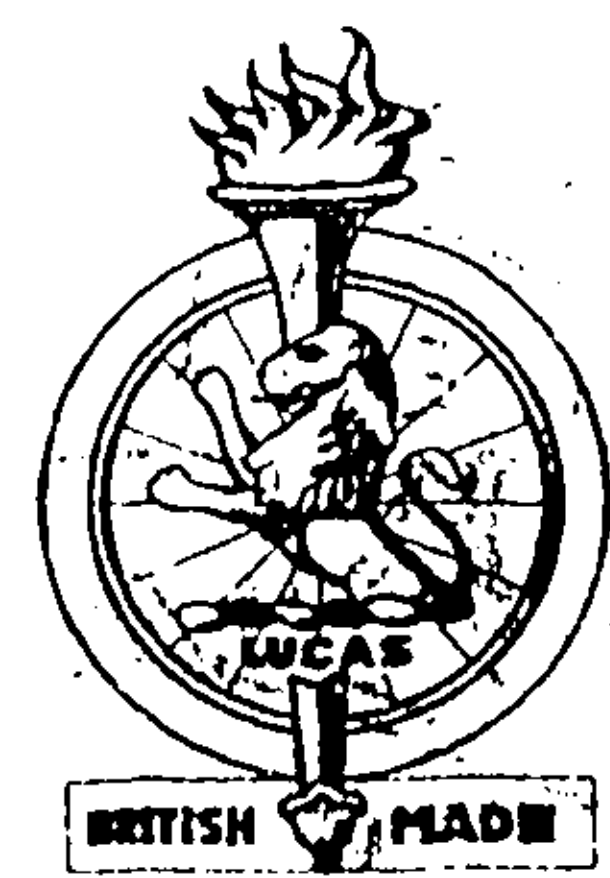
A hunt was arranged and traps were set; but the thief was too smart for his enemies, and, until Jerry took an unconscious hand in the game, got away.

One night a time-bomb was dropped in one of the farm fields. When it exploded some time later, the crater was found to be much smaller at the top than at the bottom, making a perfect "bottle."

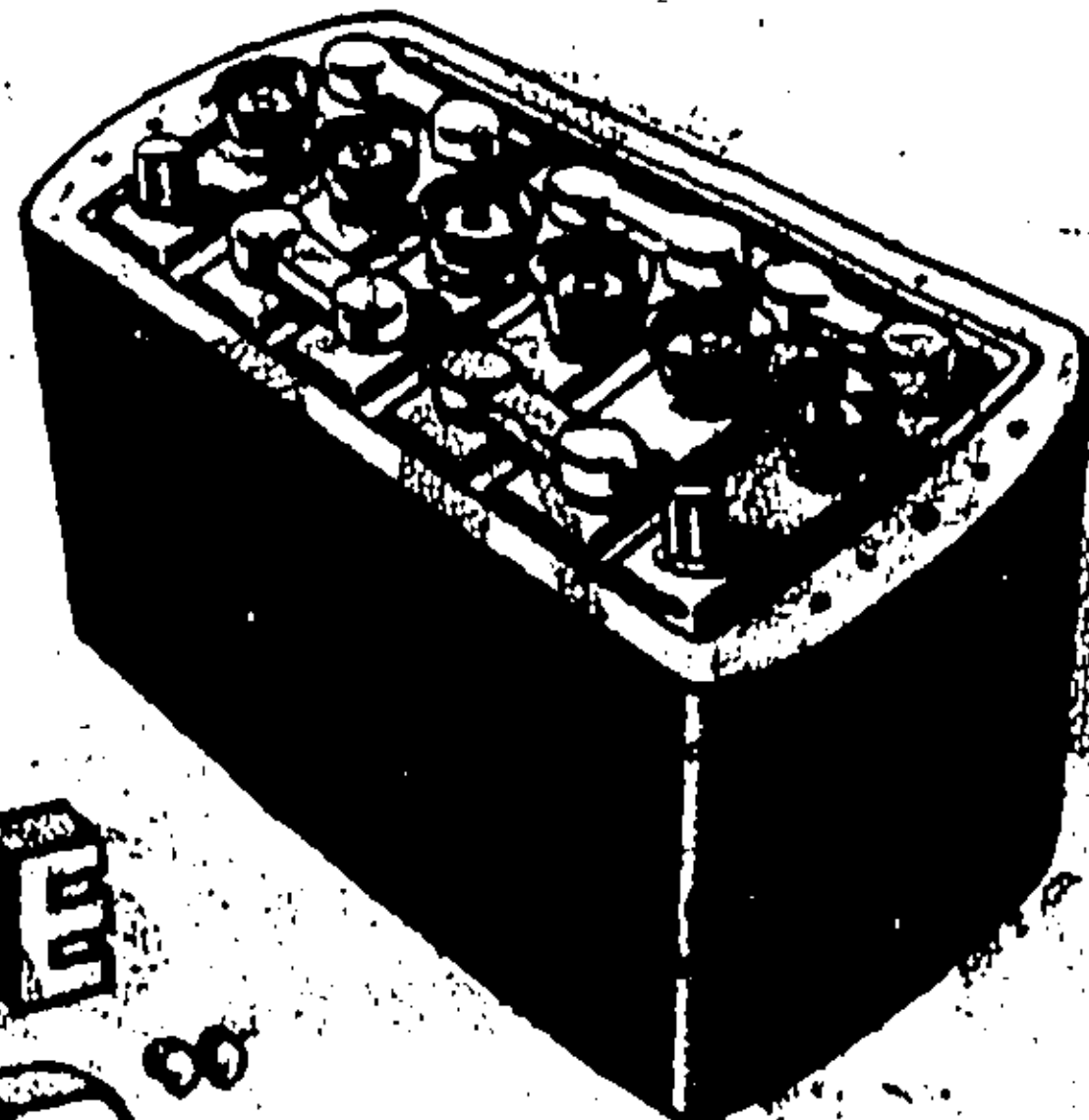
Next morning the farmer found that his enemy the badger had fallen into the hole!

## EMPIRE FLYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

The British and Empire flyweight boxing championship title was at stake in a fight at Nottingham last night between Jackie Paterson (Glasgow), the holder, and Paddy Ryan (Manchester). Paterson won in the eighth round, the referee stopping the fight.—Reuter.



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# JAPANESE POLICY ALL ADRIFT

## Masterly Review Of Long Road With No Right Turning

A SPECIAL ARTICLE IN THE LONDON "TIMES" YESTERDAY, ENTITLED "JAPANESE POLICY ADRIFT," SUMS UP THE TREND OF JAPANESE FOREIGN POLICY IN RECENT YEARS.

The article says that when, on the night of September 18, 1931, Japan in Manchuria set out on the long road which so far has shown no turning, her leaders acquired a certain dexterity in persuading the Japanese public, and to a lesser extent the world, that effect usually precedes cause.

First they shaped the shadows which events cast before them and then created the events themselves, and by that process ultimately proved, at any rate to their own satisfaction, the justice of the action which they thereupon felt inevitably called to take.

At the time of the Manchurian incident the world was caught napping, not yet alive to the new technique which has since become a commonplace.

Even Hitler did not disdain to borrow from the Japanese when he began to be threatened by small nations and overran them in self-defence.

The Manchurian incident was also responsible for the formation of the habit of inventing militant slogans.

In 1931 much was heard of the "30,000,000 oppressed people of Manchuria."

### Ready Tongues

Round figures roll readily off the tongues of Japanese orators. But in due course the feeling of oppression was alleged to have removed from 30,000,000 Manchurians and one began to hear a good deal about the oppressed millions of China, who ran much larger but nevertheless the figures were round.

Is it entirely without significance that we are now beginning to hear of the oppressed peoples of Indo-China, Malaya, Burma, etc., (in round figures), groaning under the yoke of the white man?

### Gratuitous Aspersions

The recent speech of the Japanese Foreign Minister before the Diet was full of slogans. Mr. Matsuoka had not gone very far before he quite gratuitously alleged that accounts of Italian reverses (which the Italians themselves admitted) were malicious propaganda.

He was cordial to the Axis, placatory to the Soviet Union, formally friendly to the South American States and vaguely menacing to Indo-China, Thailand and the Netherlands East Indies.

But the real significance of the speech was that there emerged the unmistakable shadow of "encirclement by the British Empire and the U.S.A." One can almost hear the voice of Germany.

### Will Believe Anything

The British Empire, engaged in the greatest struggle of all time with a powerful and tenacious foe, and the U.S.A., whose main publicly declared endeavour is to assist the Empire in the struggle, can nevertheless spare the time and trouble to encircle Japan.

It is hardly credible but any one who believes Germany, and there is some reason to suppose that the leaders of Japan to-day do, will believe anything.

Is the shadow of encirclement the shadow which precedes events and is the event in its turn the shape which will call action just and inevitable?

### Suicidal Course

It would all be in accordance with the technique described in

the first paragraph of this article, yet it seems hardly credible that Japan would resort to so disastrous and suicidal a course.

The war of 1914-18 offered unparalleled opportunities for expansion of trade. As a signatory of the Treaty of Versailles (a fact conveniently overlooked by both Germany and Japan to-day) Japan benefitted from the fruits of victory and secured among other things a mandate over the German Marshall and Caroline Islands, details of whose administrations and developments she has been curiously reluctant to divulge to the world at large for some time past.

As a result of the enormous sacrifice of blood and treasure by the Allies, compared with which the drain on Japan's own resources was infinitesimal, she enjoyed years of great prosperity, peace and ordered government, and growing world trade.

### The Great Slump

The speculative tendency of Japanese finance meant that the great slump of 1929 struck Japan even more severely than most other nations but the fashion was not then so prevalent of blaming others for one's own ills and until the autumn of 1931 Japan pursued a sane if arduous policy of trying to restore her trade and financial position by normal means.

She did more: she pursued an inevitably right policy of trying to cultivate Chinese friendship. This was the only way she could hope to secure that large share of the Chinese market to which close proximity would entitle her.

But the long record of Sino-Japanese animosity, dating particularly from the war of 1894-5 and from the Twenty-One Demands in 1915, was not easily eradicated.

The virtues of patient perseverance, which won Japan the respect of other countries in bygone days, tended to be obscured during the rapid rise of a nation of ambitious materialism.

### "Short Cuts"

This gave certain elements of the army an opportunity in September, 1931, to attempt a short cut to prosperity, and Japan was launched upon the path of aggression, as opposed to that of conciliation and settlement of disputes by force instead of negotiation.

When Manchuria had fallen and a puppet regime established, it became clear as early as 1935 that China proper, or at any rate North China, formed the next stepping stone to expansion.

The hostilities begun in 1937 have continued nearly four years, have caused countless suffering to millions of people and have led to the occupation of all China's ports and many great cities, but have not yet brought

Japan what she sought nor altered the will of the Chinese people to be masters of their own destiny.

### Seeking A Scapegoat

The Japanese public did not suppose for a moment that the campaign against China would be anything but a short and glorious affair.

To explain the prolongation of the conflict it became necessary to lay the blame on somebody and while many were blamed the fashion grew for portraying Great Britain as the chief villain of the piece.

This was more natural because Britain has wider interests and associations in China than any other power. Her elimination, therefore, was the primary objective in the eventual elimination of all western influence from China.

### Vigour Of Resistance

While the sympathy of the British people has in the main been with the Chinese, and while, like other countries, Britain has rendered certain material assistance, neither sympathy nor such limited assistance would itself have been responsible for the vigour of Chinese resistance.

For this Japan can claim the credit. By her action in attempting to dominate China she aroused in the Chinese nation a unity, will to resist and combative power which had never previously been seen in a normally peace-loving people.

What Japan aroused she now seeks to quell and it is perhaps not surprising that she seeks to lay the blame elsewhere.

With an apparent impasse in China, the war in Europe appeared to present possibilities to Japan. During the preliminary inactivity she was content to remain passive but when, at the end of June, 1940, Germany could claim to have overrun and conquered Poland, Denmark, Holland, Norway, Belgium, Luxembourg and France, there was surely proof, if ever proof was needed, that aggression does pay.

Japan changed her government and the new government, of which Mr. Matsuoka has been the spokesman, after a little preliminary hesitation, signed a pact with Germany and Italy openly ranging Japan with Britain's enemies and threatening the U.S.A. if she dared to intervene.

### Japan Shocked

It was perhaps a pity that already by the time the pact was signed it had become apparent that the immediate overthrow of Great Britain promised by Hitler to the world at large and to Japan in particular was unlikely. This fact became patent and at the same time the U.S.A. displayed most lively and apparently unexpected reactions to the pact.

There was indeed a degree of hesitation in Japan and the world was puzzled to learn one moment that the pact did not mean what it said, and the next that it meant precisely that.

But Germany, at hand, whispered in Japan's ear that all was well, that the U.S.A. was not ready for war and could be frightened with a few study threats and that Britain's destruction was deferred only to make it more effective.

### What Germany Wants

What Germany said and is saying to Japan is that if she will take her courage in both hands all she covets lies in her grasp.

What Germany wants is Japan to become embroiled in the

war as the service thereby rendered Germany would be obvious.

But, if in the event Japan should not win, that does not matter for Germany, for at worst all three Powers would have been weakened and it is no part of the Hitlerian plan that Japan occupy an equal place with Germany in the new world order. It is as a pawn not as a partner that she is destined to play her new role.

From Mr. Matsuoka's speech Germany may well judge that her blandishments have not been in vain. At first sight the speech would appear to contain threats against the security not only of Indo-China, Thailand and the Netherlands East Indies but also Britain and the U.S.A.

### A Tall Order

It is a tall order and if Japan elects to attack there is such a thing as a vigorous and resolute defence with all those weapons of modern war to which Mr. Matsuoka referred and with which Japan is yet unfamiliar.

The real threats of Mr. Matsuoka were not against the security of the countries mentioned but against the peace, prosperity, happiness and welfare of the Japanese people.

After ten years of conquest which brought them neither spiritual nor material well-being, after a struggle in which lives were lost and deprivations suffered to no purpose they are being exhorted to believe that aggression is a good investment and although it has not paid dividends hitherto a further effort, more capital outlay and sacrifice will bring them not only dividends but a substantial bonus.

### Hypnotised

Such cynical disregard of human values might come from Hitler himself. But it comes from those leaders in Japan who believe in Germany's star and are hypnotised by it.

That their frenzied finance and bad politics may now push the people to irretrievable disaster means nothing.

Germany has spoken and what a German says must be true.

It is a solemn thought that not many decades ago, great men led Japan to greatness.

Ito, Yamagata, Okuma and Saionji were names with which

### IDLE DANISH SHIPS MAY BE RELEASED

Thirty-eight Danish ships, totalling over 250,000 tons, now idle in American ports, may, if the United States Government

approves, carry cargoes to Britain, says the New York "World Telegram" yesterday.

Twenty other ships in South American ports may be released, the paper adds. — Reuter.

to conjure.

Such men may have had dreams of empire but they did not suffer the folly of grandeur nor did they seek blindly for imperfect friends.

Though in the course of half a century they transformed a feudal state into a modern nation they did not plunge their country into a reckless adventure nor cry "encirclement." They spoke the voice of Japan. That is why Japan rested on a solid foundation.

### Impenetrable Barrier

But slumbering volcanoes have always been there and have been in eruption ten years. The forces of restraint have been weakened, and the molten tide flows destructively onwards.

Will it not, sooner or later, reach an impenetrable barrier against which it will pile itself in vain?

The eruption will then cease and the surface cool, but underneath will lie the ruins of a thousand years. — Reuter.

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# South Africans Now Ten Miles Inside Abyssinia

THE SUCCESS OF THE South African forces is described in an official communique issued in Nairobi yesterday.

It says: "South African forces have occupied Italian posts at El Gumu and Gorai, 10 miles inside the Abyssinian border."

## Willkie To See The King

As the culminating event in his extensive tour of Britain under war conditions Mr. Wendell Willkie expects to see the King and Queen to-day.

Mr. Willkie yesterday saw how Liverpool is taking the blitz. Early astir, he inspected bombed areas in the city and later, at the Town Hall, said that what he had seen proved that this type of warfare, with all its cruelty, was not accomplishing the desired end of shaking the morale of the population. Rather was it increasing the people's resolution.

Mr. Willkie visited dockland where he was called "a great guy."

### Warm Welcome

Liverpool dockers gave Mr. Wendell Willkie a warm welcome when he reached the city yesterday in continuation of his tour.

When Mr. Willkie visited the Cathedral the Chairman of the Cathedral Committee told him that the King, during his last visit, had said: "Keep going whatever you do." "And it is what we are doing."

Mr. Willkie also visited an aircraft factory in the north. He made a tour of shops and talked to workers.

Going along a passage he stopped in front of a worker. He asked: "How do you feel here about this war?"

"We know if we work hard we are going to win," said the worker. Mr. Willkie turned to the people with him and said: "That's the spirit I find everywhere in this country." — British Wireless.

## LONDON'S CROSS-CRATER BRIDGES

The Lord Mayor of London yesterday opened London's largest cross-crater bridge which Royal Engineers and men of the Pioneer Corps have worked day and night to complete.

"I thank you on behalf of the citizens of London," he said. "I should like to tell you how impressed I have been with the way you have worked. You have shown a magnificent spirit — a spirit that is going to win the war." — British Wireless.

### WRECKAGE OF JUNK

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## Jo'burg Enquiry

In the Union House of Assembly in Capetown yesterday General Smuts announced that a full enquiry would be held into the Johannesburg disturbances.

Compensation would be paid for damage done to property and disciplinary action would be taken by the military authorities.

General Smuts said he deeply deplored what had occurred. — Reuter.

## FISHERY DISPUTE TO END?

STEPS TOWARDS SETTLEMENT OF THE LONG-STANDING RUSSO-JAPANESE DISPUTE WERE TAKEN BY THE APPOINTMENT OF A JOINT SOVIET-JAPANESE COMMISSION CONSISTING OF 10 MEMBERS TO NEGOTIATE A LONG-TERM FISHERIES CONVENTION.

CONVERSATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN MOSCOW SHORTLY. — REUTER.

## MERCHANT SHIP BILL APPROVED

The U.S. Senate yesterday passed a Bill providing for the construction of 200 merchant-ships for which President Roosevelt recently asked Congress.

The Bill has already been passed by the House of Representatives.

In his recent Message to Congress the President asked for \$313,000,000 to cover the cost of construction of these ships. — Reuter.

### The Occupation Of Barentu In Eritrea

The British occupation of Barentu, in Eritrea, and continuance of the British pursuit of the enemy in Abyssinia are recorded in a communique issued in Cairo yesterday as follows:

Libya: Preparations for continuation of our advance from Derna are proceeding.

Eritrea: As a result of our operations the enemy have evacuated the town of Barentu, which we occupied on Sunday. Meanwhile in the northern sector our mechanized troops are pressing back the Italian forces which are withdrawing towards Keren.

Abyssinia: Our pursuit of the enemy forces retreating towards Gondar continues as a result of which the Italians have been obliged to abandon and destroy quantities of material and stores of all kinds.

South African forces have occupied two Italian frontier posts ten miles inside the enemy border of the Dukana front.

Italian Somaliland: Vigorous activity by our patrols continues, extending and deepening our penetration across the Italian frontier. — Reuter.

### LORD LLOYD

The Colonial Office stated yesterday "there is no change in Lord Lloyd's condition." — British Wireless.

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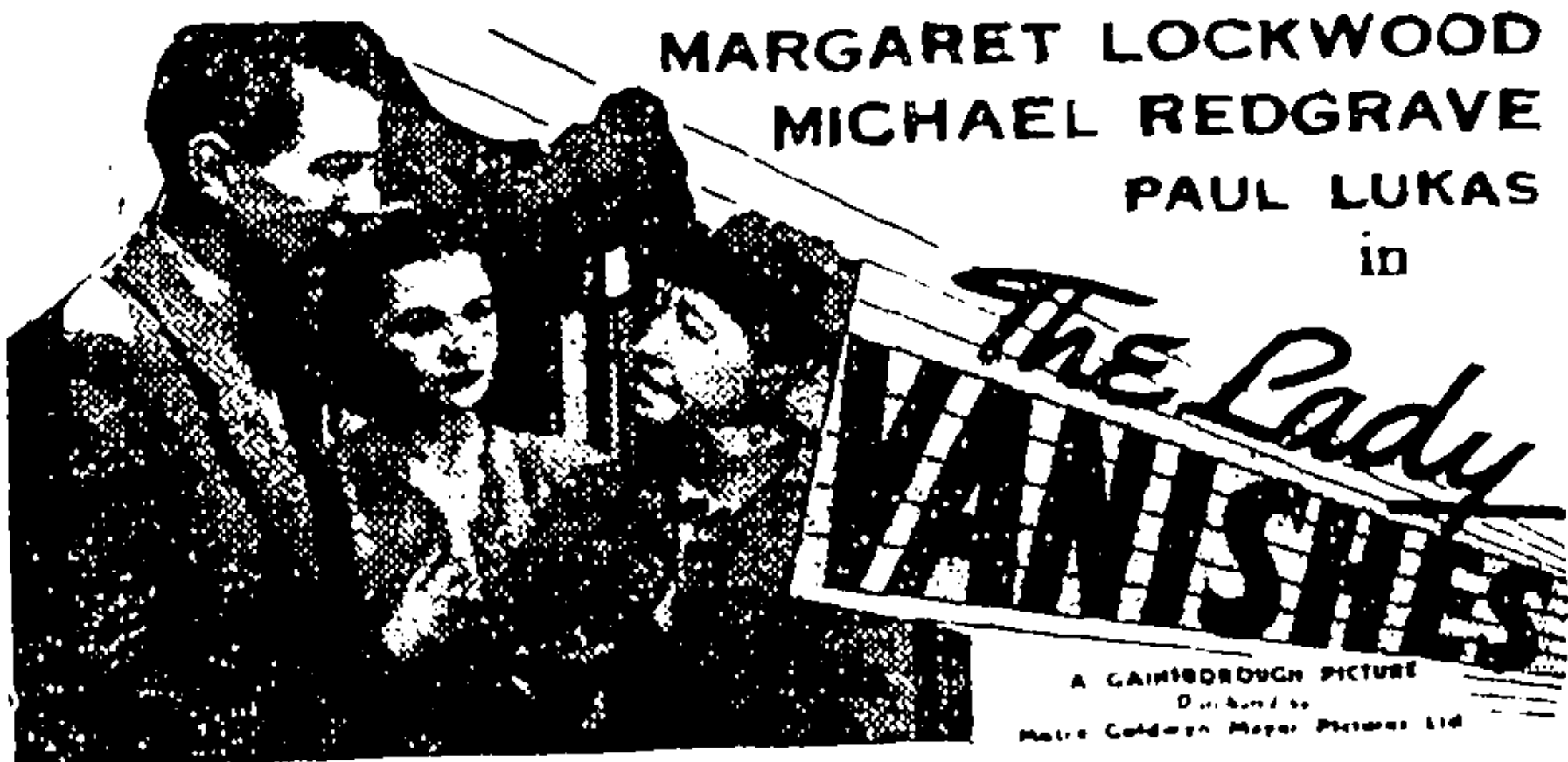
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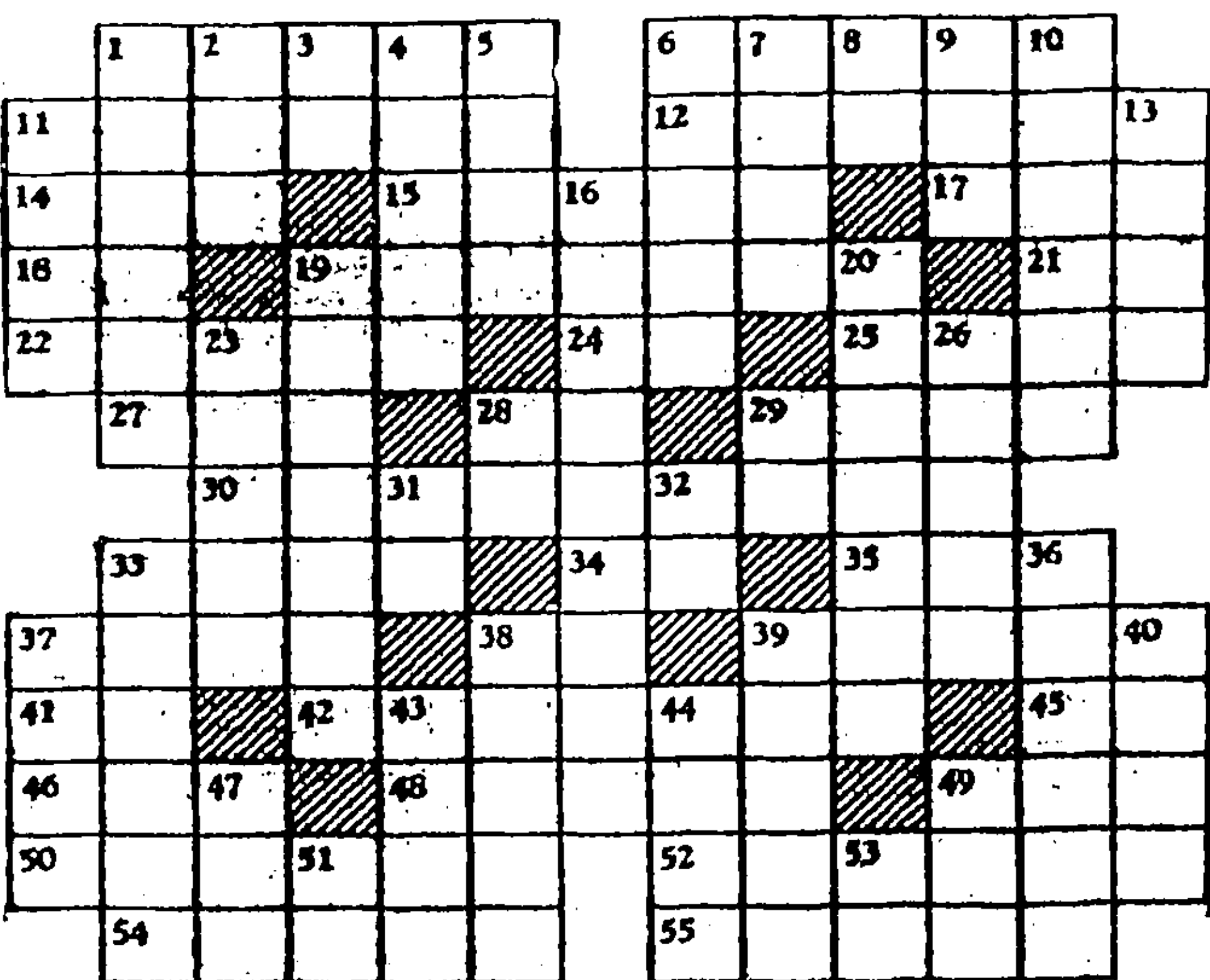
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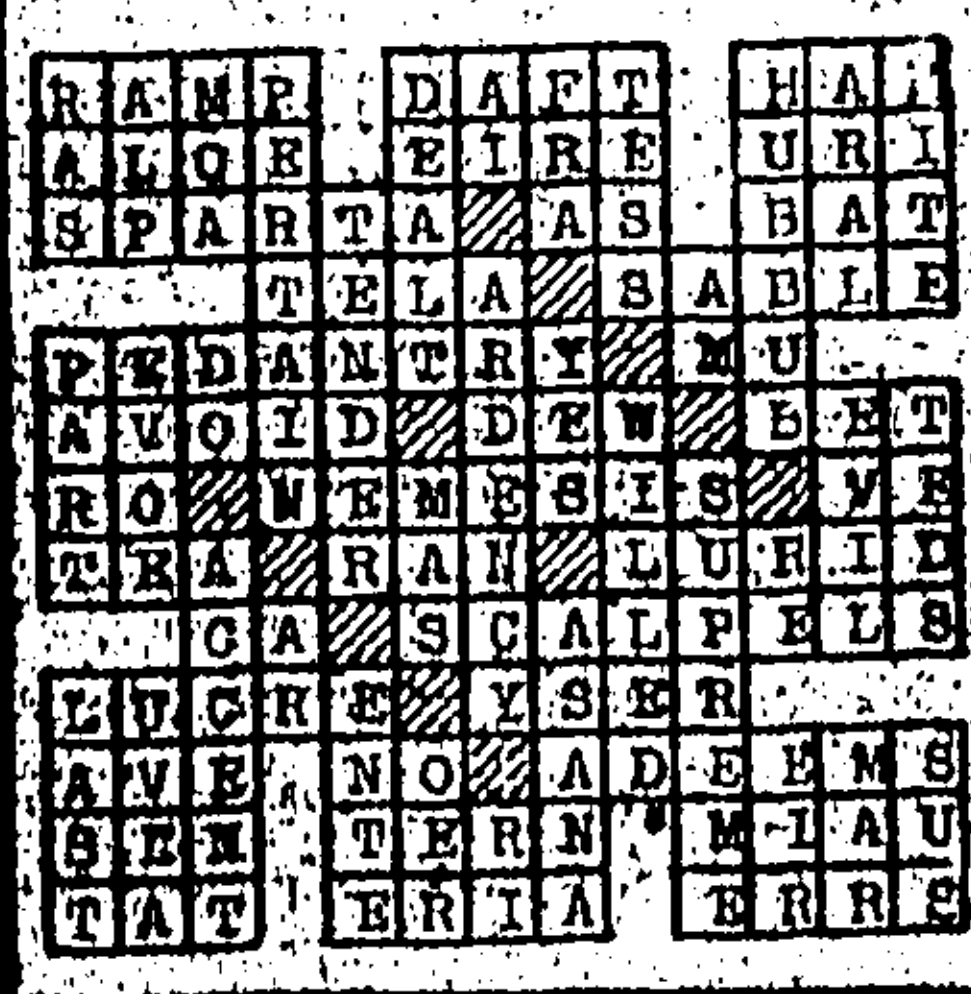
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  - spot
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  - By
  - To imagine
  - You and I
  - Remains
  - Hebrew letter
  - To affirm
  - Inlet
  - Musical syllable
  - Raised
  - Musketeers
  - Heating apparatus
  - Behold!
  - Pronoun
  - Plate
  - Symbol for calcium
  - Slug-like gastropod
  - Latin conjunction
  - Phase of the moon

- VERTICAL
- Note of scale
  - Sunken fence
  - Bingo
  - Footlike part
  - Repulses
  - Wandering
  - Rockfish
  - Intended
  - Trade
  - Norse goddess
  - Indian mulberry
  - Alone; stage direction
  - To stumble
  - Light boat
  - Cry of sorrow
  - Symbol for actinium
  - Masculine nickname
  - Sworn
  - To burn
  - Container
  - One who makes a legal plea
  - Steadfast
  - Pendant ornament
  - Filters
  - Roman goddess
  - Japanese measure
  - To exist
  - Symbol for samarium
  - Butterfly
  - One of two
  - Noiseless
  - Expensive
  - Irritable
  - To breathe noisily
  - To keep
  - Mexican cooking-pot
  - Entry
  - To echo
  - Woodland dilly
  - Half an em
  - Egyptian sun god

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



NEW TIES WITH GREECE

The closer cultural relations foreshadowed in the recent preliminary announcement of a British-Hellenic Convention are seen more clearly in details of the Convention issued yesterday.

In addition to an exchange of university professors and other men of learning modern Greek is to be regarded as ranking with other major European languages as a possible examination subject at the universities of Oxford, Cambridge and London, while study of the English language and literature will be facilitated at Athens University.

The British School of Archaeology at Athens, established in 1886, will be permitted to function in Greece, permission for the establishment of new centres being sought when desirable from the Greek Government.

Treatments equally favourable in both countries will be extended to scholars, students and teachers in respect of residence and employment permits and recognition of either country's degrees and diplomas will be mutual.

Schools In Athens

An interchange is to be made of students and scholars for study, particularly in relation to art and sport, for which travel and residence facilities will be arranged.

The British Council, already established in Athens, will have the right to establish and maintain two primary and one secondary school in Athens.

In order to apply the articles of the Convention as a whole two mixed Anglo-Hellenic Commissions will be constituted, one in London and one in Athens. — British Wireless.

WIFE AS PIECE OF FURNITURE

A wife who stated that her husband treated her "more like a sister or a piece of furniture," was granted a decree nisi in the Divorce Court on the ground of desertion.

She is Mrs. Olive Lilian Wall of Ingleton Avenue, Welling, Kent, whose husband before marriage spent most of his life in a Jersey monastery.

The marriage was in 1931 and there are no children.

Mrs. Wall said her husband left her in January 1937.

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## A.R.P. BOY SAVES SIX IN CELLAR

"TLL DO ME BEST." That's a man's motto — and one hard to live up to when danger is near and the call is for stone-cold courage. But Jackie Reynolds, eighteen-year-old A.R.P. messenger, said those four words and, unafraid, wormed his way through loose beams to save six people from a bomb-wrecked cellar.

Jackie lives at Edgbaston Road, Balsall Heath, Birmingham. The story of heroism was revealed in a letter from a Birmingham group warden. This is the letter:—

One night two houses were hit by a high explosive bomb. The incident was reported at the post by a warden two minutes later.

Eight people were trapped in the cellar of one house. We heard them calling to us through a hole on a level with the garden.

The big bay window frame, which had been blown out by the explosion, lay across it. I shone my torch into the cellar and counted six people and two dogs.

### The Loose Beam

The ceiling had collapsed at the far end, and at our end was held up only by a loose beam which looked like slipping at any moment.

Young Jackie Reynolds was by my side. He said: "Shall I go down? I can slip in quite easily." I told him he would be risking his life, but all he said was: "I'll do me best. Just tell me what to do."

He slithered down feet first and got busy in the light of several torches. He helped up the three people nearest to us, a man and two women.

We heaved them up, but the remaining three (two women, a man) and the two dogs were not going to be so easy.

The man was lying back in his invalid chair unconscious. His wife, a heavy woman, was face down on his lap, also unconscious, her feet hidden in the debris.

First we passed some water down to Jackie for the woman. It revived her a lot. Jackie talked away to her.

Now came his most delicate and difficult task. The woman was not so difficult, because she could at least walk, and he helped her up to us, but the man and wife were heavy.

I asked him if he could manage to roll them one at a time on to a sheet of corrugated iron if we let it down. He gave us the usual reply: "I'll do me best."

He passed the dog up first. Then we slid down the corrugated iron sheet, which he wedged firmly. Then I dropped the end of a rope down to him and told him to tie it firmly round the man's chest.

Jackie is not a strong lad. But again he said: "I'll do me best." After a hard struggle he managed to tie the rope and roll the man only a little on to the metal sheet.

While Jackie guided, we pulled the man from under his wife and so up to the opening. Jackie could not turn the woman over on her back, but he managed to get her head and chest on to the sheet.

### He Vanished

The woman was the sixth person Jackie had rescued, and it had taxed his strength severely.

But before he allowed himself to be helped up, he borrowed my torch to see if he could find the other two women. They were invisible under the debris, and, as the rescue squad were working from behind the house to reach them, we left it to them and helped Jackie up. He mumbled something about "Only did me best" and vanished.

Note.—The rescue squad reached the two missing women: an hour later. One, Miss Barbara Rogers, was dead, but the other Miss Shaw, came up almost unhurt and asked for a cigarette.

## REDS SENT BACK TO SPAIN BY VICHY

SPAIN, STILL TORN AND BLEEDING AFTER HER LONG CIVIL WAR, IS NOW UNDERGOING A NEW REIGN OF TERROR.

Every day there are mass murders and executions of "rebels."

The "rebels" are 500,000 refugees who fled to France at the end of the civil war and are now being handed back to their Falangist enemies by the Vichy Government.

The more famous figures of the former Spanish republic are tried for rebellion against Franco and shot. Most of the remainder are shot without trial.

Luis Companys, former Catalan President, has been shot with other Republican leaders.

Largo Caballero, former Prime Minister of Spain, has just arrived in a new batch of political prisoners. His trial has already been announced.

## "SHE IS NO SPY" --SISTER

A sister of Miss May Louisa James, English-woman accused by the Germans of sending messages to Britain by short-wave radio, told a London reporter: "The charge is utterly fantastic."

Warden of the British-American Y.W.C.A., Miss James could have escaped before the Huns entered Paris — but she chose to stay at her post there.

"It is my duty to stop. There are girls here who need looking after," she told a chaplain.

Now she lies in a German military gaol accused of espionage and the Huns have already sentenced to death two Englishwomen; they had seized on charges of spying.

Miss James's sister, Mrs. Lister Knight, of Knowle, Budleigh Salterton, Devon, said:

"It is awful to realise what she is going through. But there must be a great number of people in Paris who will do all in their power to help."

### Her Last Letter

"My sister has been head of British-American Y.W.C.A. for over eleven years. She has friends all over the world."

"Since the war began I heard frequently from her. But the last letter I received was two days before the fall of France."

"I begged her not to leave it too late to get away from Paris. Her refusal means only one thing — her devotion to her work remained unshaken."

"The suggestion that she had in her possession radio transmission equipment is utterly fantastic. She had her own work and nothing would cause her to deviate from it."

The two Englishwomen sentenced to death by the Huns are Winifred Marle and Florence Frickard. Reports from Paris stated that the death penalty on Miss Marle may be commuted.

## AXIS EATING INTO ITS OIL RESERVES

(By A Political Correspondent)

INFORMATION REACHING London from Germany and Italy leads the Government to suppose that both the Axis Powers will be experiencing some shortage of oil in the spring and early summer.

Stocks of oil in Italy are believed to be lower than at any time in recent years, and there is no synthetic plant of any account.

Supplies held at Bari and other centres have been heavily bombed by the R.A.F. recently, and the indications are that it is Italy which will be the first of the Axis partners to be in oil difficulties.

### Rumania's Oil

German oil troubles will be accentuated if the Nazis have to give military assistance to the Italian campaign in Greece or embark on any other large-scale adventure elsewhere.

In present conditions the Germans are probably using more oil than they are obtaining either by home production or import. It is estimated that 80 per cent. of the German oil refineries have been visited by the R.A.F. with considerable effect, and that the output of oil is being reduced by a substantial percentage.

As regards oil imports into Germany the position has been markedly improved by an agreement between Britain and Spain which limits imports into Spain and the size of stocks which may be held.

I understand that the Government is satisfied that little oil now passes into occupied or unoccupied France, and that what little does cross the Pyrenees comes out of the small stocks which Spain is allowed to hold.

Germany has, of course, obtained a rich source of oil in Rumania, but its value must depend on the extent to which she

can increase the volume which can be carried on the Danube and by rail. That is no easy matter.

Well-informed quarters in London consider that a substantial increase in supplies from this source would be possible only if the Axis could control the Eastern Mediterranean and import by way of Italy. The Royal Navy is effectively blocking this route.

I learn that one reason why the R.A.F. has not yet bombed the Rumanian oil wells is that it is considered better policy to wait until the oil reaches the German refineries, and bomb it then. These targets are nearer our air bases, and are easier to damage than oil wells.

### Rubber Shortage

Rubber is another commodity the shortage of which is expected shortly to hamper the Axis war machine. Germany has gained no appreciable quantity of rubber from any of the countries she has conquered.

Synthetic rubber is produced by the Nazis, but the plants engaged on this work have been heavily bombed by the R.A.F. in recent months. Rubber shortage, it can confidently be predicted, will continue and increase.

I understand that considerable progress is being made with our general blockade policy, and that three-quarters of the total shipping tonnage of the world is now controlled by the British navies system.



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## HITLER AND ROOSEVELT

Despite all the mystery of Hitler's present diplomatic occupations, his problem may be simply stated. He is faced with three chief walls of resistance standing between him and his ambition of world dominion.

The first and least substantial is France. Her opposition is composed of an unreadiness on the part of at least some of her rulers to perform the Nazi bidding without question. Having surrendered their army, this distaste on the part of the men of Vichy would count little against the German threats of force, were it not that France has recently acquired three bargaining counters which grow more precious with each new collapse of Italy. Weygand's presence in Africa, the absence of part of the French fleet from the Mediterranean, and finally the growing resentment of ordinary Frenchmen against their conquerors constitute together the French wall of resistance. It is not impenetrable. Treachery in Vichy, guile in Paris, together with a ruthless display of German power, might at any moment open considerable breaches in it. However, Hitler must batter down this first wall before he can hope to possess the best conditions for an assault on the second.

Britain is the second wall, yet even while Hitler mobilises his machines for a new and more terrific attack against us, he must still take account of the third. That third wall—America's machine power—is not yet built, although it promise later to become formidable enough. He must bash down the second while the workmen on the third are still engaged and can be caught unprepared. Yet a man in America understands the process as well as Hitler. He realises that only if Britain's wall stands will he have a chance to build his own, and he sends bricks and mortar to bolster the one barrier which can give him time to make his own construction.

Hence the outburst of hostility towards the United States by Hitler. Hitler is stung to fury by the quiet resolve with which President Roosevelt soldiers more surely the Anglo-American alliance. Yet even in his tantrums he does not lose his guile. By his threat of

EVENING was darkening as I looked down from the London-Portugal flying boat and saw the scrambled necklace of twinkling lights about Lisbon's superb harbour. I was homeward bound to America, and I caught my breath at this sight of the lamps of peace after 14 months in war and darkness.

The steward nudged me and pointed. "Friend there—enemy there."

A small cluster of lights hung in the sky to starboard—the Atlantic Clipper from New York, poised above the last free port in Europe. To the right of the Clipper moved the dark blob of a landplane seeking earth.

"Plane from Berlin," the steward explained. "Just started an air line to Lisbon two days ago. Forty young Arvan tourists were passengers on the first trip."

When I entered the Palace Hotel in Estoril, the resort oasis 15 miles down the beach from Lisbon, I realised that luck had tossed me into the espionage centre of World War II. Low-toned conversations go endlessly on in the bar and in the long, dim lobby. Germans, Italians, Britons and Spaniards sit in great overstuffed chairs while they gather reports of their spies, and watch each other. Among them, probably the fate of Portugal will be decided. The mild, honest Portuguese have little to say about it.

Portugal is dry and poor. She has 7,000,000 people, yet she is only the size of Maine, and a third of her land is uncultivated. If her professor-dictator, Dr. Antonio de Oliveira Salazar, can steer Portugal away from war, he can go on with his ambitious effort to wipe out illiteracy, which blights half the population. He can build more of his excellent clinics, clean the leprous slums and perhaps even better the national diet.

He knows it is not his army (one division of troops without

artillery) nor his navy (six destroyers) which keep Portugal free to-day.

Franco's declining prestige would skyrocket if he would take

## Eric Sevareid

cover Portugal. But Franco knows that Hitler cannot feed starving Spain. England is subsidising shipments of Portuguese food across the border in the faith that Spain will not bite the hand that feeds it. Hitler knows that the Portuguese empire in Africa, Asia and the Atlantic, a richer prize than the country itself, would fall into the hands of the British navy if the Axis seized Portugal.

Portugal owes her freedom to many things, to her position on the map, to the crossways of the Atlantic and Mediterranean trade routes; to the fact that Lisbon is the last direct point of contact with the United States for all belligerents. But perhaps the strongest reason is the fact that the spies of both sides find a free Portugal useful. The Lisbon Air line, for example, is the only way Nazi-Fascist agents can get in and out of England.

Portugal has been tied to England's money and wine markets since 1703. Great Britain controls virtually all Portuguese imports and exports. The people are pro-British. But this is a dictatorship, and Salazar, with an eye on the war machine which could so easily roll over him, leans Axis-ward.

The Axis is busy and looks efficient. The German Minister is the cultured Baron Homberger, who can match Dictator Salazar's own professional intellect. They get on

well. England's ruddy Ambassador, Sir Walter Selby, walks four miles before breakfast, but athletics bore the dictator.

There is no real British fifth column in Portugal—"that wouldn't be cricket." On the other hand, many of Portugal's secret police were trained by Himmler in Berlin. The friends they made there come to see them.

Biefurn, sinister assistant to Himmler, arrived at Estoril while I was there. We learned his identity from wise old Joseph Bech, Luxembourg's leading statesman. He'd seen Biefurn on the streets of Luxembourg the week before Hitler's army overran the defenseless Grand Duchy.

Biefurn was talking in a lobby corner with a dark, heavy, dynamic German whom America should know about. His name is Friedrich Sieburg, and he is the man who perfected modern fifth-column tactics. America may expect him when his work in Europe is done.

In Belgium Sieburg, a man of great personal charm, convinced the wealthy that Hitler would never touch their land. In Paris, he laid the groundwork among the "200 families" for the notorious Otto Abetz who followed. He wrote a book to flatter the French, called: *Dieu, est-il français?* (Is God French?). He has now written an equally flattering book about Portugal's once glorious empire and present culture. Hardly an influential Portuguese has escaped his suave attentions.

He made one break. When at a banquet he proposed a glowing toast to the Führer, one tough old Lisbon journalist abruptly sat

down. Sieburg turned scarlet, and burst out in German, "You are too small to be defiant!" He meant Portugal itself. Next day he sent profuse apologies. So far, Lisbon's press is carefully neutral.

As Biefurn and Sieburg conferred in the lobby, these men strolled a few feet away: Bech, once Premier of Luxembourg; Pierlot, last Premier of Belgium; Camille Chautemps, once Premier of France; aged Paderewski, first President of Poland. Each man had seen his nation undermined by Sieburg's fifth column, seized by the Nazi army, ruled by Biefurn's Gestapo.

That very day a man had come in to reserve a suite for their latest victim—deposed King Carol of Rumania.

Fascinated, I watched from my corner. Sieburg coolly glanced up as each man passed. The refugee statesmen did not turn their heads, nor speak to one another. I ached to introduce Biefurn to the burly, sprawling Russian asleep in the opposite chair—Dr. Lazovert, who helped kill Rasputin and drove his body to the river.

One morning at nine, the German passenger plane roared alarmingly low over the Palace Hotel. I asked a waiter why the pilot should go off his course to do this. "We think it's to get us used to the Swastika," he said. "The first time he did it, the visa line at your consulate grew much longer."

Twenty thousand German, French and Belgian refugees mill around in Portugal, waiting for American visas. The Portuguese, to their everlasting credit, treat them kindly, often take destitute mothers and children into their homes.

But the refugees are nervous and depressed. They watch with longing as the American Export boat slips from harbour, and the Clipper wings toward the west. They are trapped. There is no "green frontier," as they call any border they can sneak across. Only the ocean. There is but one key to unlock this massive door of escape—the American visa.

They talk of nothing but immigration, quota numbers, our young vice-consuls—all-powerful gods to them. They are sick of each other. Men who shared bunks in concentration camps avoid one another in Lisbon's jangling streets. The poor refugees droop over sidewalk cafe tables, munching cold Portuguese beans with their beer. Daily the same routine: the general delivery window to ask for a letter; the American consulate; the newsstand to speculate on Hitler's next move; back to the corner cafe, then listlessly to bed.

Some have given up, drifted back into the barren hill towns and "gone native." Others read of our draft law, and get a bright idea. They have fled war consistently so far; now they offer to "volunteer in the American Army." This is a humourless joke to our harassed diplomatic staff, which spends exhausting hours checking the papers of the endless line of refugees.

Rich refugees from Biarritz scurry with little black bags from bank to bank, buying and selling money. At night they crowd the roulette tables at the Estoril casino. They edge over to an American consul and strike up conversation. They have bribed their way across many borders and cannot believe that money doesn't talk with American officials, too.

One night in a corner of the gaming room, I recognised first a pair of ill-fitting trousers, then the German Socialist to whom I had given them before he escaped from an Alpine concentration camp with Lion Feuchtwanger, the famous author.

He had been a mild little man, a teacher and writer, when Hitler came to power. He had since fought in Spain for his ideals, had clutched the Pyrenees carrying a sick refugee child in his arms. He was hard now, and quite without fear.

"We left the smoky room, and sat on the rocks where the surf pounded."

He, too, awaited his visa. He was on Thomas Mann's list of 120 refugee writers considered worth a special effort to save. He was tranquil. He never read the papers any more. If the Nazis came—all right. They would never get him, he said.

I felt I must tell him whom I had seen in the Palace Hotel.

He turned, and in the darkness I saw the flashing whites of his

"Sieburg here?" he said. "That means the kiss of death. Tomorrow we'll make some acquaintances among the Portuguese fishermen who have boats in the harbour."

# On Sweeping Statements

Recently I had the good fortune to be carried by business into the heart of the Highlands. A private accident, but should I not have brought oilskins? I was soon what in bondage to sweeping climatic statements, and so I began Loch Tay in November—a grey crevice in grey hills themselves as watery as the pool below. At such a season, I feared, it would be a dark journey to a dark place, a slow, chill, and comfortless invasion of a misty wilderness, with little to see of that Grampian glory which the summer so nobly unfolds.

Yet my forecast was wrong from start to finish. My train was warm, strictly punctual, and comparatively empty. (To sit in a punctual and empty train is a pleasure now unknown to many Southern parts, and seemed to me as exquisite a bliss as travelling in the height of "de luxe" to the old, sweet playgrounds of peace.)

Not even a flaming sunset can turn a Highland town into a rosy-red city, even though it be half as old as the Ice Age and the mammoth. Stone is stone and wears its honest hue, but in Kildin even the sober-suited Kirk of Scotland appears architectural in a surprise. Its house of worship is white and graceful as a flower, and answers with an equal radiance the snows on the surrounding crags. Ben Lawers, the central bastion of all Scotland and, by some glacial accident, most richly Alpine in its herbs and blossoms, was now well covered with snow upon its upper quarters. As I left this very colourful country I saw the sun pounce through the clouds on Lawers's shimmering summit and kindle a white November radiance in mid-sky such as I had once beheld upon Parnassus on an April day in Greece. This I watched, furthermore, through a double rainbow, the inner member of which was both complete and inexpressibly bright. The terminus of

action should America That said, we may justly gain satisfaction from this. Both President Roosevelt and Hitler show that they have the same understanding of this war; they both know how big a part America must play in the battle.

There were, from enormous arches, to earth their fantastic litter, within a hundred yards of a departing train.

I am not saying that a rainbow is the home of beauty. It might be dismissed by some as Nature's blunder, a trick of almost vulgar display, heaven's dabbling in coloured photography. But my

point is not the beauty, but the brilliance. Grey Scotland indeed! Bleak November! There were two sweeping statements swept aside. Hollywood, with all its newest magic, could not have spilled the paint more amply. Any Tayside crofter, looking upward from his turnip-field, could justly have murmured, "Whaur's your Glorious Technicolour now?"

My journey was a happy one and encountered all the cordiality which the English as a rule deny to the Scots. Yet, curiously, on my return I found a letter from an ammen who has come out of England's gentle middle west to guard the waters of Scotland's guard north-east. Or harsh at least he found the land, the people glum and hostile, and the old, familiar epithet of "dour" merited. (At the same time he himself admitted that he had been happily at home in earlier days with charming people in other parts of Scotland.) I had set out to find Tayside. In November a dripping desert blanketed in mist and had discovered autumn fires and a rainbow radiance instead; he, looking for Caledonia affably cordial, had found it disagreeably stern and wild.

The moral of this is never to make a general statement about peoples and places—that is, if truth be the object. Mr. Hamilton Fyfe recently wrote a most cogent and salutary book about the folly of attaching ethical labels to national groups; he quoted chapters and verses by the score to show that the British had generalised in every possible (and contradictory) way about the virtues and more commonly, the vices of their neighbours, whose moral characteristics appeared to vary most obligingly according to the needs of diplomacy. It would not be difficult to compile a similar record of violently conflicting judgments about places and climates. Our own climate, in particular, has been most vigorously cursed for its churlishness and blessed for its kindness. So much depends

on chance, so much on last impressions. I might have found mid-Perthshire plunged deeper in a soaking mist than ever were London and Manchester gulfed in their particular brands of "smoky, choky fog." Rolling stones may gather no moss; likewise, sweeping judgments collect no verity.

Yes, but how far is truth the ideal in conversation or the brighter forms of composition? That is the essential point. If we are to be scrupulous beyond fault in our pursuit of truth we shall say very little, which may be well, and what we say will be so hedged about with qualifications as to be exceeding dull, which is ill. I have an acquaintance who has all this regard for accuracy. Tell him that it is a fine day and he will probably reply, "If by day we mean the twenty-four hours beginning last mid-night, and by fine we mean that the temperature has averaged sixty-five, with three hours of continuous sunshine, I cannot agree." The fellow is, I fear, justly regarded as being both whimsical and tedious in his lust for accuracy. His zeal for truth makes one the more crave that admixture of the lie which so often does undoubtedly give pleasure.

And pleasure, after all, is a legitimate object of conversation. It is the business of religion, philosophy, and scholarship to pursue the truth without surrender to the wayside lures of easy generalisation, effective over-emphasis, and smart, seductive epigram. But let us admit that the spinning of theories, amid which, incidentally, truth may always break in, is a proper exercise of our mental faculties, and that to make a sweeping statement, however dubious, may begin an argument which is great entertainment.

We must be austere indeed if we deny ourselves all joy in scoring a point, albeit by a quibble. It would be dangerous to say that truth is a good servant but a bad master. We want its mastership of our minds, but only in the sense of a suave, tactful, and constitutional monarchy. The tyranny of exactitude could be a grave oppression, but the danger of such a dictatorship is small in this world of slogans and propaganda. Let us salute the truth, but let us not be morbid or slavish in our obedience. There are times when a sweeping statement gives such pleasure as to justify the flourish of that mental broom. Without it we might cease from mental strife, and how bare would life be then!



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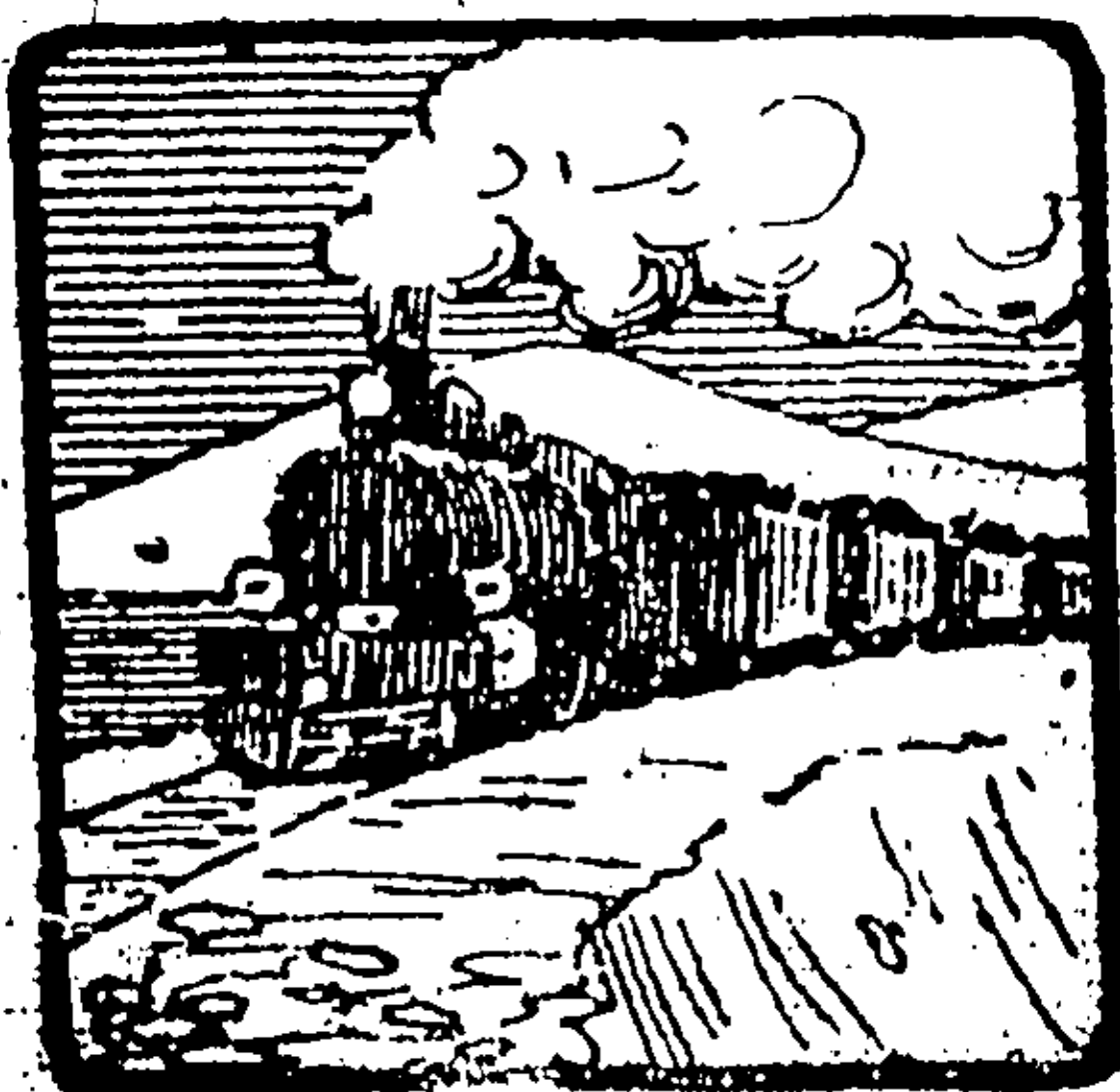
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# SPITFIRE PILOT'S DRAMATIC CLASH OFF ESSEX COAST

A GERMAN BOMBER SHOT DOWN IN THE THAMES ESTUARY OFF THE ESSEX COAST YESTERDAY AFTERNOON WAS SO BADLY DAMAGED BY FIRE FROM A CANON-EQUIPPED SPITFIRE THAT FLYING PIECES OF WRECKAGE COMPLETELY BLINDED THE SPITFIRE'S PILOT WHO HAD TO DIVE CLEAR OF THE DEBRIS IN ORDER TO ENSURE HIS OWN SAFETY.

The raider was a twin-engined Heinkel. It was sighted at 3,000 feet by the Spitfire pilot who was flying 1,000 feet below.

The Spitfire climbed up and crept to within 50 yards of the German plane and the pilot opened fire. "The result was amazing," he said. "I hadn't given him more than a two-second burst when pieces of the bomber flew off like chips from a log and so blinded me that I had to stop firing and dodge out of the way."

"When I could see again the bomber was on the way down and two of the crew had baled out. I had a good look as it was going down and the fuselage had some terrific holes in it."

The raider's crash into the sea was confirmed by the leader of another section of Spitfires in the vicinity.

He also saw two members of the crew bale out and fall in the sea.

### "All To Pieces"

In the excitement of combat the Spitfire pilot left the radio transmitter in the "on position" and listeners at base plainly heard such shouted exclamations of triumph as "Got him," followed by a pause, and then "Hell," bells, he's all gone to pieces." Reuter.

## KING'S MESSAGE TO GREECE

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE HAS BEEN SENT FROM KING GEORGE TO THE KING OF THE HELLENES: "I HAVE LEARNT WITH DEEP DISTRESS OF THE DEATH OF GENERAL METAXAS."

Greece has lost one of her greatest sons who will be mourned in my country as sincerely as in Greece. I offer you heartfelt sympathy in the cruel blow which has fallen so suddenly on the Greek people."

A reply received from the King of the Hellenes read: "Your sympathy on the great loss I have suffered touches me very deeply. It was a cruel blow which has fallen so suddenly on my people and myself. The sincere participation of your country in our distress encourages us in our determination to carry on with the same spirit until the victorious conclusion of the war."—British Wireless.

## CANTON QUARANTINE

Reports that the Japanese authorities in Canton have lifted cholera quarantine restrictions as from the beginning of this month, are unfounded. The "China Mail" was authoritatively informed this morning.

Reports published to this effect were described as premature. The "China Mail" is, however, informed that the restrictions may be lifted at any moment.

## DEATH OF MAHMOUD PASHA

Condolences of the British Government on the death of Mohammed Mahmoud Pasha, which robbed Egypt of one of her wisest and most enlightened statesmen, have been conveyed to the Egyptian Government, says a British Wireless message from London.

## JAPANESE LOSSES IN HONAN

The Japanese troops in southern Honan have suffered serious losses.

The central column attacking Siping on the Peiping-Hankow Railway have been subjected to heavy pounding and their casualties number thousands.

The Japanese column pushing north from Shang'sai have suffered many surprise assaults and were reported to be fleeing south yesterday.

Severe fighting raged for five days at Sianghokwan and Shang-tien. The Chinese captured more than 100 heavy and light machine-guns, 1,200 rifles and 300 army horses. Thousands of casualties were inflicted.

The Japanese pushing westward from Paoanyi to Fancheng have been routed, and the Chinese have re-occupied Fancheng, Paoanyi, Tushuchen and Chai-chukang.

Shangtengho, north of Wuyang, was recaptured by the Chinese last night. Chinese troops are now closing in on Wuyang.—Central News.

## LANGUAGE MAKES THE KING LAUGH

An Australian private in the Eastern Command was assembling a machine-gun blindfold in the open with a piercing wind blowing.

"It's too blank cold to feel anything," said he as he fumbled for the various parts. "I don't like this blank weather at all."

Behind him an officer stood laughing at the Australian's frank comments. It was the King making a tour of an Australian contingent stationed in the Eastern Command, and for several minutes his Majesty and other high officers enjoyed the joke.

When the private had successfully assembled the gun within the five minutes allotted he pushed up the bandage from his eyes and saw the King.

"Well, blank," he began, and then stiffened to silent attention.

## FACTORY GOES UNDER GROUND

As 200 beat-the-blitz girls went to work in a London factory, Miss Eva Butlin, thirty-six-year-old charge-hand, said: "Night work has solved their raids' problems; they are glad to be here instead of crouching in shelters."

The secret is that the factory has gone underground and is itself practically an air-raid shelter.

The girls believe it to be the first of its kind because it has been built only since their original factory was bombed some weeks ago.

When they saw the old two-storey building in ruins they thought their jobs were gone. But the £15,000 air-raid shelter in the old building had saved the lives of the men night workers, and that gave the managing director an idea.

### Installed Plant

He put the men on to clearing the site and salvaging what they could from the debris, and set the girls to work in the air-raid shelter. The girls helped to install plant. While the men helped to build a new factory.

This was made like the air-raid shelter, mostly underground and in sections. Each unit is self-contained measures 50ft. by 4ft. with the highest point 1ft. from the ground. The ceiling is one foot of reinforced concrete, and there are interior safety walls of fifteen-inch brick.

The building is guaranteed to stand a direct hit from a bomb up to 250 lb., and the design ensures that few would be hurt even by a direct hit from the heaviest bomb. Production could continue if any unit were destroyed.

When the girls saw the idea they at once asked to work nights. Three hundred men now work the day turn. Soon all the 800 on the old pay-roll will be back at work.

The girls have music to drown the noise of the barrage, and their rest periods total two hours. Air conditioning eliminates underground fuz.

Miss Butlin says: "They finish work, have time for a sleep, and still have the afternoons to themselves. They've beaten the blitz."

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Tse Chiu Hung, merchant of No. 634 Nathan Road to Miss Ho Sui Mui, of No. 545, Nathan Road.

## MURDER BY PANCAKE: EX-CHEF HUNTED

PITTSBURG POLICE, investigating the mass killing of 12 men by poisoned pancakes, are seeking a 6ft. former chef at the Salvation Army centre where 60 destitutes sat down to a deadly breakfast.

He was dismissed from the centre three weeks ago and vowed to get even. Preliminary investigation showed that 10lb. of insect killer were mixed in the flour from which the pancake batter was made. The dismissed chef was last seen in Philadelphia. His successor, who made the pancakes, is himself among those poisoned, but before nightfall.



# BRITONS GOING HUNGRY IN HUN CAMPS

BRITISH PRISONERS OF WAR IN GERMANY ARE SO BADLY FED THAT MANY OF THEM ARE TOO WEAK TO PLAY GAMES.

Letters to M.P.s from all over the country from people whose sons and husbands are in German prison camps have revealed this fact, Sir William Davison (Con., Kensington South) told the House of Commons.

He asked the War Minister if he was aware that many prisoners at Oflag VII Camp had only the battle dress they were wearing when captured in the summer and were without overcoats.

The Minister replied that he was aware of the lack of winter clothing and was using every means in his power to remedy it.

The German Government had been urged through diplomatic channels to fulfil their obligations in the last few days, the American Embassy had been asked to make further representation.

## Eden Dissatisfied

The American Embassy in Berlin said that 1,838 parcels of food, clothes and books had been received by prisoners at the camp in the week ending October 19, and the flow was continuing.

Sir William Davison: I am told that Polish and French parcels are arriving much better than ours.

War Minister: I am dissatisfied with the conditions, hence the representations made.

Mr. W. S. Morrison, Postmaster-General, said the number of parcels sent from Britain during October was 95,896.

The Red Cross reported that fifteen wagons containing 29,934 parcels have arrived at Geneva. They contain food, tobacco, medical comforts and clothing.

Fifty-six tons of clothing parcels have arrived at Lisbon and are being sent on.

## Job Now Too Big

A Political Correspondent writes: There is a great deal of uneasiness over the work of the Red Cross.

No one doubts the good intentions of that excellent voluntary organisation, but there is growing apprehension about the way it is handling some of its work.

Food parcels and winter overcoats are urgently needed by British prisoners, particularly the 1,500 in Oflag VII.

British prisoners receive the same food rations as German garrison troops, but the German stomach seems more hardy to dog, cat and horseflesh. Both quality and quantity of food supplied is below the minimum essential for good health.

It is the duty of the Red Cross Society to supplement those rations with food parcels from home. The job has now become too big for it.

There is a crying need for full-time paid experts to organise the purchase, packing and dispatch department. No breakdown in organisation should be tolerated.

## BOMBER PILOT WAS AN ARTIST

An R.A.F. pilot, having reported the details of his attack on the Fiat works at Turin, spent the rest of the day telling his companions in the mess about the magnificent view he had had of Mont Blanc as he flew back over France.

"I have never seen a sight like it," the pilot said. "On our way back from Turin we were between the moon and the mountains, and I drew a picture in my log book of the lowering mass of Mont Blanc glinting even more sharply in the moonlight and standing out high above the cloud-belt below. It was the last memorable sight before our journey home, which was uneventful except for some flak over the French coast. I hope it won't be long before I see that sight again."

## HOW NAZI WOMEN DEFEATED HITLER

Women workers, conscripted into Hitler's arms factories have forced wage concessions from the Nazi regime, says a correspondent.

Until the outbreak of war Nazi propaganda was still busy with the slogan that woman's place was in the home, although even then many female workers were engaged on war production.

During the last year at least 200,000 women have been driven into compulsory employment. The German Labour Front promised that they would receive men's wages, but it was the big industrialists, and not the Nazis, who had the last word. Accordingly, the Nazis announced that "the reform of women's wages must be postponed till after the war."

The women took a hard. Hundreds stayed away from the factories. Production began to fall. Chambers of Commerce warned the Government against relying upon the compulsory recruitment of women. Finally, last June, the Ministry of Labour announced an investigation of female wage rates in the vital iron, metal and chemical industries.

The inquiry resulted in a decree, which brought the wages of a few key women workers up to 80 per cent. of men's wages.

"Substantial restrictions in these increases," the decree stated, "are necessary to avoid the revision giving rise to a general increase in women's wages, which would inevitably disturb the stability of the general wage level. The general ban on wage increases is to be enforced with the same strictness as hitherto."

Far from being satisfied with this minor concession, the women's silent opposition continued. Recently increased wage rates are announced for women in the mining and printing industries.

## CHEQUE LOST WHEN STATION WAS BOMBED

It was revealed at a West End police court that a cheque for £29 10s. to be produced in evidence in an alleged false pretences case, was lost some weeks ago when a police station was bombed.

The cheque was in a file with other documents which were destroyed by fire.

The case was that against Robert Bird, forty, ship's officer, of no fixed home, who was charged with obtaining a pair of binoculars worth £29 10s. from an Oxford Street firm, and with obtaining by false pretences jewellery worth £230 from another Oxford Street firm. He was remanded in custody.

## LOVE DEFEATS SWASTIKA

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

A wedding cake stood on the table of a little home in Brittany; nearby a pretty lace cap lay carefully packed, ready to wear. The wedding of Madeleine and Jean had been arranged.

That was months ago, when France collapsed, and Jean, twenty-three-year-old French sailor, came home on leave to wed the girl of his dreams.

Rather than live under the shadow of the swastika they decided on a bid for freedom and started out on a perilous journey to England the day they should have been celebrating in the little Brittany village.

With another young couple, Rene, also a sailor, and his fiancée, Yvonne, who were to have been married a few days later, they sailed for forty-eight hours in a small fishing boat before they were picked up by a larger French vessel making for an English port.

## Fairy-Godmother

On their arrival they were separated. The men were held for interrogation, the girls sent to an internment camp.

Hearing of their plight, the French widow of an English soldier, who died in the last war, adopted the two girls, giving them work in a London club, the Cercle Français, which she has started for General de Gaulle's Free French forces.

It was in the club one evening that the couples were reunited. Now, at Caxton Hall Register Office, Madeleine, who is twenty-one, and Jean have just been wed.

"We had hoped for a double wedding," a reporter was told by Tantine, which is the two girls' name for the fairy godmother who brought about the reunion. "But Yvonne is ill and her fiancé cannot get leave."

## WOMEN USED SHOES TO BEAT MAN

WOMEN TOOK OFF their shoes and used them as clubs and others struck out with their fists against a man alleged to have interfered with a three-year-old girl in a Liverpool air-raid shelter.

A police officer had to beat the crowd back with his baton to get the man away after he had tried to escape on a tramcar.

This evidence was given at Liverpool Police Court when Joseph Judge, aged thirty, unemployed, lodging in Shaw Street, Liverpool, was sent to Manchester Assizes accused of causing grievous bodily harm to Maureen Kelly, aged

three, and indecently assaulting her.

Mr. H. R. Balmer, prosecuting, said at five o'clock in the afternoon nine little boys went into a raid shelter in Fontenoy Gardens carrying a lighted candle.

They found Judge sitting on the

seat with the child lying near, apparently asleep. She was unconscious. The boys ran out and raised an alarm. When Judge came out a moment or two later a crowd was waiting for him. He was roughly handled.

Mr. Balmer said the child had a fractured skull.

On the coat of the man was a strand of fair hair which, in texture, form and colour, was identical with that of the little girl.

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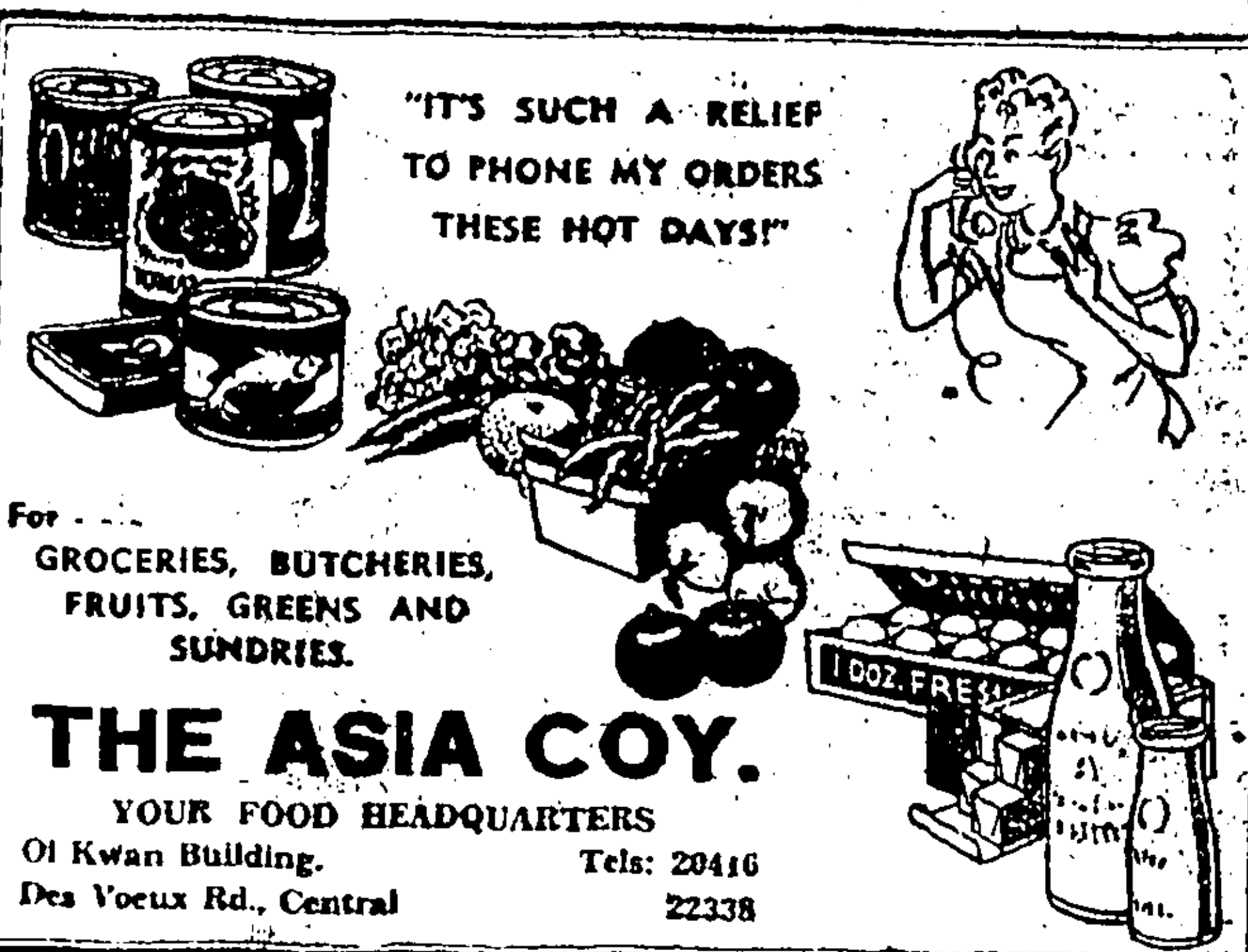
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BRIDGE  
NOTESBLIND SPOTS  
By The Four AcesIf you occasionally criticise  
your partner for his mistakes, re-  
member that even ranking experts  
occasionally strike "blind spots."  
To-day's hand was muffed by a  
very well-known player, much to  
his embarrassment:

South, Dealer  
Neither side vulnerable

♠ Q 9 8 4  
♥ A J 9 4  
♦ Q J 7 5 4  
♣ —

♠ 5  
♥ Q 10 8 5  
♦ K 9 6 2  
♣ J 9 5 2

♠ 7 3 2  
♥ K 7  
♦ A 10 8 3  
♣ A Q 8 4

♠ A K J 10 6  
♥ 6 3 2  
♦ —  
♣ K 10 7 6 3

## The bidding:

| South | West | North | East |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1♠    | Pass | 2♦    | Pass |
| 2♠    | Pass | 4♠    | Pass |

## CARD VALUES

## OF THE

## OUR-ACES SYSTEM

## ACE 3

## KING 2

## QUEEN 1

## JACK 1/2

## TOTAL VALUE OF HAND

## AVERAGE HAND 10

## but lost his contract

For East returned a trump, and  
there was no more balm in Gilead.  
If South ever ruffed, he would  
make five trumps in his own hand  
and three trumps in the dummy;  
but then he would be unable to  
draw East's trumps, and could  
therefore bring in only one heart  
trick. If South drew trumps to  
safeguard dummy's second heart  
trick, he could get only two ruffs  
in the dummy, so the heart trick  
would come at the expense of a  
trump trick.If South hadn't hit a blind spot  
he would have realised that tak-  
ing the heart trick at once would  
have made his contract ironclad.  
A cross-ruff from there on would  
have brought in all nine trumps  
as separate tricks.So sad a story should probably  
have a moral. Not even an ex-  
pert can afford to play to the  
first trick without thinking.Yesterday you were Merwin D.  
Maier's partner and, with both  
sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ J 10 9 4 2 2  
♥ 5 4  
♦ 6  
♣ Q J 9 6

## The bidding:

| Jacoby | Maier | Schenken | You |
|--------|-------|----------|-----|
| 1♥     | 2♦    | Dbl.     | (?) |

ANSWER: Bid two spades. Your  
hand is probably worthless at a  
diamond contract but will win  
about five tricks at spades. Your  
partner's high-card strength will  
raise that total—especially if he  
has anything in the black suits.  
Score 100 per cent. for two  
spades; 20 for pass.

## Question No. 630

To-day you are Howard Schen-  
ken's partner, and, with both sides  
vulnerable, you hold:

♠ Q J 10 4  
♥ Q J 10 9  
♦ K 9  
♣ K J 9

## The bidding:

| Maier | Schenken | Jacoby | You |
|-------|----------|--------|-----|
| 1♥    | 2♦       | Dbl.   | (?) |

What do you bid? (Answer  
To-morrow.)  
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## FIRE SWEEPS CASTLE

Castle Howard, Yorkshire man-  
sion of the Carlisle family, has  
been partly destroyed by fire and  
many art treasures destroyed.It is occupied by the Queen  
Marge-et's School, Scarborough.  
The fire, which broke out in a  
bed-room in the east wing, swept  
along the southern side destroying  
the dining-room, the south en-  
trance, and a famous dome 100ft.  
high.York and Malton fire brigades  
prevented the flames from spread-  
ing to the western and eastern  
wings.Daredevil Ted,  
15, Was Hero  
In Bomb Blaze

(By A Special Correspondent)

DAREDEVIL FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD Ted Bald-  
winson, at the wheel of a lorry filled with blazing  
bags of sawdust, drove between walls of flame to  
safety when a "Molotov breadbasket" fell and set  
fire to his mother's sawdust mill in London. When  
Ted had got the lorry out he went back and brought  
along two more.Meanwhile, eighteen-year-old  
Bert Whitley, a neighbour, had  
opened the stable doors to release  
two horses half-maddened by the  
flames, and he and Ted brought  
the horses and two carts out from  
the inferno.Not content with that they  
both went back again—this  
time to set free two wire-haired  
terriers and a watch-dog, be-  
tween thirty and forty hens, and  
a rabbit in a hutch.

## "Wobbler" Died

Thanks to their bravery, the  
only casualties were about a dozen  
hens and Wobbler, a pet duck  
known to all the neighbourhood.When the "breadbasket" fell, the  
Baldwinson family were in their  
shelter."I dashed out," Mrs. Baldwin-  
son told me, "and saw flames all  
round. Some houses were on fire,  
but it wasn't till I turned round  
that I realised our mill was blaz-  
ing too.""Young Ted jumped over the  
wall into the yard and got into  
the first lorry. Bags on the bon-  
net and in the back were blaz-  
ing, but he drove it as far as the  
street.""He is always driving the lorry  
up and down the yard, so he had  
no difficulty in getting them out."

## Kept Cool

"He always was a dare-devil,  
and he never turned a hair.""As he went back into the fire  
for the other lorries and the horses  
he shouted to his sister, Lil, to dial  
999 for the fire brigade. They were  
here in four minutes, but Lil was  
away helping with the hens.""Bert and I got out what we  
could," said young Ted, "and then  
we tried to put out the fire in the  
machine-room. The incendiaries  
were blazing, and our sprinkling  
only seemed to make it worse at  
first, but neighbours kept up a  
string of buckets, and we did our  
best till the fire brigade came."NO FARM  
WORK FOR  
CITY MENLondon office workers, who fled  
to the Lake District with their  
families when their homes were  
bombed, are trying to get work  
as farm labourers.At Kendal Martinmas hir-  
ings they jostled with farm  
workers seeking to be hired  
in the traditional way for six  
months' work on Westmorland  
farms, and their womenfolk, in  
smartly cut slacks, competed for  
dairy work with rosy-cheeked  
country girls.None of the London men was  
hired. "A country boy of fifteen  
is a better investment for us  
than an inexperienced towns-  
man," one farmer told a re-  
porter. "These men are willing,  
but it would take six months  
to harden them let alone train  
them."Farmers are facing a serious  
shortage of male labour. At Car-  
lisle hirings lads of eighteen ob-  
tained £40 for the winter term  
of six months. As they get free  
board and lodging this means  
for these boys pocket money at  
the rate of £1 10s. a week.For every man open to an  
engagement there were a dozen  
waiting farmers.The land girls are in growing  
request. But though they un-  
dertake the milking, tramp over  
heavy fields to feed the sheep and  
drive tractors they will not do  
housework.The farmer's wife is puzzled.  
She thinks that when bad wea-  
ther holds up work on the land  
the girls should do their bit in-  
doors.

## OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



"Please don't cry, mother, it's just for a little while!"

Here's Luck

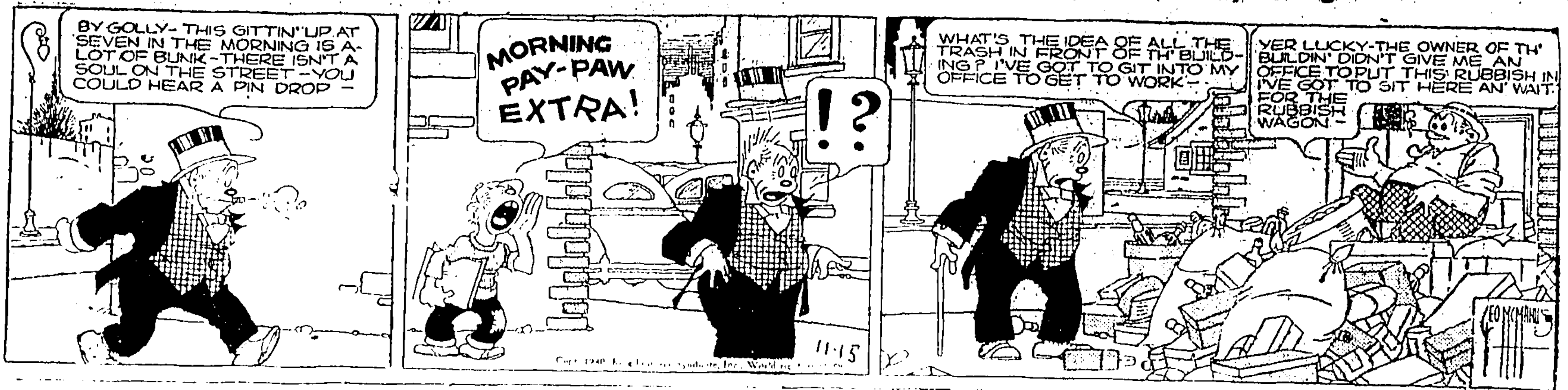
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## Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN

# Sunshine In Too Quick Doses

Sunshine, according to a well-known health authority, is highly potent, but it can also be detrimental to both health and beauty if not taken correctly.

Here are a few things that sunshine will do: "It kills germs with almost unmatched efficiency; it alleviates acne and some other skin diseases; it cures rickets and some forms of nonpulmonary tuberculosis; it produces vitamin D in the body and is therefore well-nigh indispensable to babies and adults."

But here is what sunshine will also do! "Sunlight is not pure beneficence. As everyone knows, it causes painful, blistering burns. The surest way to avoid sunburn is to stay out of the sun when it is too hot and to gradually acquire a coat of tan. Tanning gives protection against the ultra violet rays which cause the burn. The best means of getting tanned, painlessly, is by progressive dosage. Other things being equal, a good sunburn preventative will enable you to stay out in the sun two or three times as long, particularly the first few days, as would otherwise be desirable. An obvious advantage to people who do not have the opportunity to acquire protection through taking protective dosage."

### More Details

Do not make the mistake of thinking a hazy day provides protection. It may feel cooler but can cause severe cases of sunburn. Since the reaction to sunburn is always somewhat delayed, the full extent of the catastrophe does not burst upon us until too late. We

wonder how it would have happened. It also seems a paradox: that we burn in the shade. Heat rays, chiefly infra-red, make hot weather hot, but they do not cause true sunburn or tanning. Mountain climbers frequently suf-

fer from cold and sunburn at the same time. Heat rays cause temporary reddening of the skin, but are otherwise relatively powerless. The visible rays, from red to violet, have little influence on the skin. It is a narrow band of rays beyond the violet which are the trouble makers! There are three types of sunburn preventatives.

### Three Types Of Preventatives

(1) Those that deflect light or act as mechanical barriers to turn back the rays so they will not reach the skin.

(2) Materials which convert the character of the rays to render them innocuous, by altering their wavelengths.

(3) Products which exert an action on the skin itself, perhaps hardening it, to make it less susceptible to the rays — tanning agents such as tannic acid.

We are told it might be prudent to avoid products which claim they allow tanning and at the same time filter out the burn rays. . . . on the other hand, products which act as mechanical barriers may be sunburn remedies as well. All of which salts down to taking the sun with your skin well covered with a sunburn cream or lotion produced by a reliable cosmetic company.

ing, there is an ingenious horse-shoe pillow which fits around the neck, relieving it of strain and supporting your head in a most comfortable fashion. This little pillow was designed by a girl whose mother had to sleep sitting in a chair during an illness, but it is now being cherished by any woman or man who has pillow trouble. It may be used while travelling in a train, plane or car, while you are reclining in a chair or on a couch, or for a bed pillow. Just thought I would pass the news along so you might get better rest during the hours you devote to resting!



JEANNE KELLY enjoys a game of Backgammon in the sunshine —after her skin has been well anointed with a sunburn preventative.

## Entice Relaxation

No doubt you need a little period of relaxation after the rush of the holidays — and one of the best ways of getting it at home is to take a luxurious bath before you lie down for an afternoon nap or a long night's sleep!

If sun or cold weather has robbed your body's skin of all softness you will delight in knowing about a bath oil which is massaged into your skin BEFORE you shower or bathe, instead of afterwards. Its perfume is so concentrated that even after a scrubbing your skin is luxuriously scented! And enough of the oil clings to your skin to lubricate it.

Another firm, anticipating your state of nerves, offers you a floating bath mitten which contains a very fine, exquisitely perfumed soap which sweetens your bath and you. There are three soap fragrances from which to choose and one mitten may be used oodles of times before it is worn out. Between baths you simply let it dry and keep it away from eager fingers of the family!

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2.15 p.m.—Close down.  
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7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
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8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.  
8.03 p.m.—Studio—Harry Ore (Piano) playing Tchaikowsky's Sonata in G Major, Op. 37.  
8.30 p.m.—Light Classics.  
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.  
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: "Scotts' Abroad".  
9.45 p.m.—Scottish Songs.  
That's the Reason No. 1. Wear A Kilt. Oh, How I Weary. Dearie, For You. Harry, Lauder (Baritone) with Orchestra.  
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Dorrie's Farewell to Scotland ("Songs of the Hebrides"—arr. Kennedy, Fraser). Jean Day (Soprano) with Piano.  
Sound the Pibroch (Trad.—arr. Lees).  
Skye Boat Song (Trad.—arr. Lawson). Alexander MacGregor (Baritone) with Piano acc.  
10.00 p.m.—Variety.  
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

# NO WONDER RONNY LIKES SCHOOL

(By A Reporter)

IT TAKES A LOT to get the edge off the Cockney boy's sharp tongue. Listen to Ronny Lee, from Bermondsey, who has been living for some months now at what is called St. Margaret's Camp, near Hemel Hempstead. It's really the Nettleden L.C.C. School, and to these boys it's a luxury home.

When I met Ronny, his first words to me were, "Cor, lumme, I ain't 'arf caught a lot of rabbits since I've been here, and I don't want to go 'ome."

But if Ronny still talks Cockney, he has learned a lot of things in this £25,000 camp—though the headmaster hates to hear it called a camp.

Ronny has not forgotten home, even if he does not want to go back to Bermondsey.

His parents, he told me, had moved from that area to what is called a S.E. area in the bulletins. Here is his message to Mum and Dad:

"I'm having a grand time, doing a bit of gardening among my lessons, and getting a lot of rabbits with Jock. I'm all right here, but when are you going to send my Wellingtons?"

Well, Mr. and Mrs. Lee, there's Ronny's message. Sure he needs those Wellingtons, but that's about all a happier lad I've not met.

"Jock," by the way, is the village dog Ronny "borrows" to take on his rabbit-catching expeditions, and great pals they are. You can see "Jock" outside the dining-hall waiting for his mate any day.

## He Was "Difficult"

Ronny was an adventurous boy when he first went to the camp. He hasn't been tamed; there's the same virile spirit about him; just schooled along lines that, experimental from the start, have proved a big success.

It was the idea of Mr. E. E. White, the headmaster, to take boys from various schools instead of one school en bloc, and give them a boarding-school life. He has done it.

There are five dormitories (a sixth is utilised for woodwork, science and art,) and each block of three has washing accommodation.

And swell it is. Hand basins and showers, which now take as much time and attention of the boys as anything!

I visited the dormitories. The first (there's very keen competition here) was considered the smartest.

Beds in perfect alignment, blankets neatly tucked in at the Let me say right away, these boys don't have to do this. It's purely voluntary, and, as the head explained to me, "They seem to revel in doing such things. When we first came here the floor was

sides, slippers stowed away, and, mark you, a highly polished floor, of bare boards. They set about staining it, and now they always polish it."

There's very little illness at the camp, but all the same there's every provision: two qualified sisters at a hospital with an isolation ward and dispensary, and the attention of a dentist and a local doctor—none other, by the way, than Dr. J. C. Gregory, British ex-Davis Cup lawn tennis player.

## Know A Dibber

The 12 masters, the judicious choice of Mr. White, make life easy for the boys.

I listened in to a gardening lesson—yes, that's in their school curriculum—and heard the teacher asking them what a dibber was used for. "I'm not talking about your fathers, who bring home the dibs," he told these laughing lads.

Yes they do things thoroughly at that school (I nearly said camp, Mr. White!). A boys' brigade has been formed, and you can see them marching off to church on Sunday mornings, played by the band down the village street.

When they are not in the classroom, they are at all parts of the camp having a really good time. Recreation includes football, cricket, cycling, walking, and gardening, and, if you please, film shows.

I had lunch with the boys in the big dining-hall, together with the head and masters. We all had the same meal, and I can say it was good. Boiled fish, potatoes and peas, and fruit pudding and custard.

## Their Father

I left the camp feeling that the parents—and indeed the boys—owe a great deal to the head. He's a father to them; more, he has their welfare at heart.

"I want to see them go on improving mentally and physically," he told me, "and it can be done here. Already you can see better physique, and so can the parents, and there's more mental balance about them. Fresh air and the life this school camp provides is the reason for it."

I quite agree, Mr. White.



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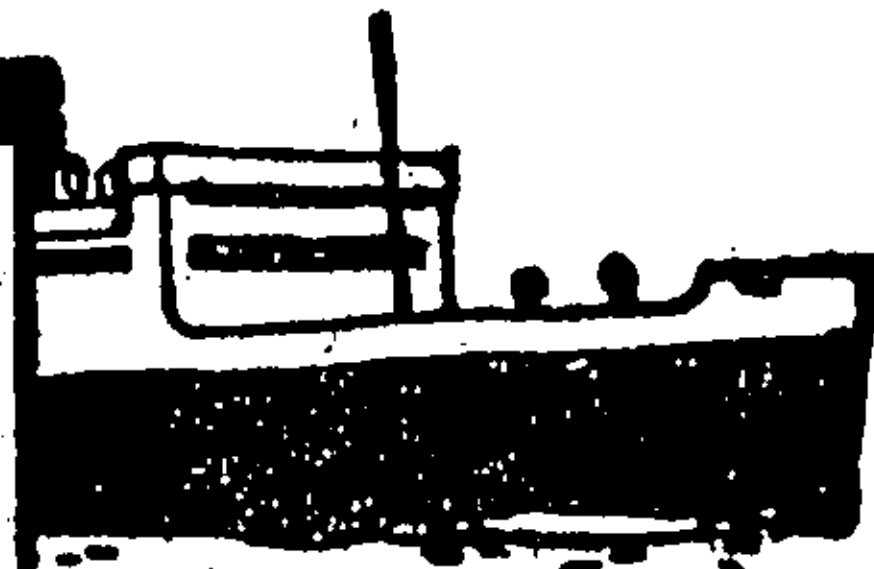
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## HEROINE WILL BE HOMELESS

In a few days' time Gran—Mrs Selina Payne, sixty-four-year-old widow and a double heroine—will be sufficiently recovered from her wounds to leave a war emergency hospital near London.

But she has nowhere to go. She has lost everything she possessed in an air raid.

Two months ago she crouched in an uncompleted Anderson shelter in the garden of a house in which she had a two-roomed flat in a south-east town.

With her a young mother nursed her baby.

Raider planes circled overhead, bombs screamed down on the district.

Suddenly the young mother's nerve cracked. Clutching her baby, she tried to force her way out into the open.

Gran barred her way. With desperate strength she threw the mother and baby down on to a deck chair. At that moment another bomb whined down. Gran threw herself on top of the other two, shielding them with her slight body.

### "I Can Stand It"

The bomb struck their home. It crumbled into a heap of rubble.

And when they picked Gran up, she had been pierced by several bomb fragments. One splinter was in her lung.

An operation was vital to save her life, but Gran was so weak that it was feared an anaesthetic might kill her.

The doctors told her of their fears. They told her that they would perform the delicate operation with only a local anaesthetic if she was brave enough.

Gran just smiled. "Please do what you like," she whispered. "I can stand it."

During the long operation Gran was fully awake. She talked to the doctors, now and then she joked with them.

Her fortitude and pluck brought her through.

And now Gran is ready to leave the hospital.

To where?

## TAFFY WAS A BARBER... TAFFY WAS RAID HERO

(By A Special Correspondent)

TAFFY DAVIES doesn't look like a hero, perhaps because in his former profession—he was a hair dresser before the war—it pays to be self-effacing.

But mention his name to anyone in the London district where he lives, and no doubt will be left in your mind that he's the real thing.

An A.F.S. man, Taffy—John Llewellyn Davies—was off duty one night when a heavy bomb exploded in his street, seriously damaging a number of houses.

Leaving his wife and two children in the air-raid shelter, Mr. Davies rushed out and, not troubling about the fact that his own house had the roof off and all windows broken, made for a fire raging about 100 yards away.

As he ran down the street a girl called to him, "Please get my Mum and Dad out!"

Dashing into the wreckage of a partly demolished house, Taffy managed to reach Mr. and Mrs. Firth and got them clear.

He had only just done so when he heard shouts from the other side of the road, where a house had collapsed.

Crawling into the debris, he forced his way to where he could see a father, mother and three-year-old boy—Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and their son Ronnie lying on beds unable to move.

### With Bare Hands

"Luckily the wreckage had become wedged, and, although they were held down, they were not badly hurt," Mr. Davies told me. "I dug my way through and eventually got them out."

Actually, he hacked away with his fireman's axe and fought with bare hands to clear the debris sufficiently to make a tunnel through which he could crawl.

After working for an hour, later with the help of wardens, he got to the trapped family and pulled them out into the open air.

While he was working he heard Ken Taylor, the other member of the family, crying beneath wreckage in another part of the house.

He tried to get to him by moving the fallen debris, but the heap of rubble began to cave in.

Even then he would have gone on. But "the other chaps insisted on pulling me out," said Taffy. "I was nearly all in and had to let them."

He was given a glass of water, and a stretcher party got him back to his house. But he was out again within five minutes.

### "We Are Lucky"

He helped to free three more people.

Then he went through the whole street checking up the whereabouts of all the residents in case any might be still beneath the wrecked buildings.

Some people wrote to the town council expressing their admiration.

The Mayor called to thank Taffy. When Mrs. Churchill, the Premier's wife, visited the district a few days later, she asked to be introduced to the man all the people were talking about.

Said the Mayor: "We are lucky to have such a chap in the borough."

## GIRL, 15, SAVES BOY IN RIVER

Two Girl Guides who rescued little boys from drowning were awarded medals of merit by the Girl Guides' Association.

They are Sea Guide Peggy Durman, aged fifteen, of Lower Street Dartmouth, a member of the "Research" Sea Ranger crew, and Beryl Smith, aged twelve, of the 1st Tunstall Company, Staffordshire.

Peggy heard screams coming from a ferry slip, and saw that Gordon Physick, aged five, had fallen into the river and was being carried out by the ebb tide. She jumped in.

She is a good swimmer states the official account, but the tide was strong and the boy is big for his age, while Peggy Durman is small. She found it all she could do to bring him ashore, swimming with him under her arm.

Beryl can swim only a little, but she saved her four-year-old brother from drowning in a lake when he imitated boys who were diving.

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## CRIPPLED, BUT DOING HIS BIT

Although crippled since the age of three with infantile paralysis, twenty-seven-year-old Henry James Ruddick, of Parkside Avenue, Romford, Essex, was determined to make some contribution to the war effort.

Since he has the use of only one leg, any of the fighting Services were obviously out of the question, and for a long time every effort he made to do his bit was frustrated.

A teacher of music before the war, his pupils had fallen off, his living was almost gone, and he was advised to evacuate under one of the Government schemes. But Mr. Ruddick is of different mettle.

Eventually he reached the A. F. S. headquarters, having heard that telephone operators were required.

He is now doing a twenty-four-hour shift with fit men.

"I knew I could do it, and it is great to feel that for the first time in my life I am really doing a man's job," he said.

## WAR WORK IS SO HEALTHY!

Although Birmingham is one of the hardest worked cities in the country to-day, its people are healthier than they were before the war.

In his report for 1939-40, just issued, Dr. H. P. Newsholme says that of the effect of war conditions on the city.

"The general statistics give little suggestion of any obvious damage to health, and for the greater part indicate a growth in health."

"It would be difficult to point to any one item in the mortality or morbidity list of casualties as arising even indirectly from the war."

"There were 1,031 infant deaths which gives an infant mortality rate of 60 per 1,000 births against 61 for 1938. This is equal to the lowest rate ever attained in the city."

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## ARMY SPORTLIGHT

# THREE TEAMS ENTERED FOR NOVICES BOXING

## Royal Artillery's Debut Entry

### Scots Favoured For Fourth Title

By "Squaddy"

THREE TEAMS HAVE entered for the Inter-Unit Team Novices boxing competition which is being held on February 12 and 13 at Nanking Barracks, Shamshuipo.

The three competing teams are the Combined Royal Artillery, Royal Scots, and the Middlesex Regt.

This is the first season that the Royal Artillery have entered for this competition, and they might spring one or two surprises.

The draw for the above competition is as follows:—

February 12—Middlesex Regt. v Combined Royal Artillery.

February 13, Finals—Royal Scots v Winners of the above match.

Boxing will commence at 8.30 p.m. each evening.

This season the Army have several experienced boxing judges and referees, who have been attending a referees' and judges' course during the last month at the Garrison Gymnasium under the supervision of Q.M.S.I. Pacey of the A.P.T.S.

Royal Scots who have won this competition for the last three seasons are again expected to win, although Middlesex have been training hard during the last two months, and also Royal Artillery are not to be overlooked.

LAST Saturday the Army Association Football Selection Committee met to decide their team for the Final of the Lai Wah Cup match against the Civilians in the near future.

The team will remain the same as which defeated the Chinese except for the goalkeeper's position which might have to be filled with L/Cpl. Reynolds in place of L/Cpl. Bankier who is in hospital suffering from slight concussion, sustained in the match with the Chinese on January 27, and Hossack will take his original place at inside right, where he was first selected to play but was not fit for the last match.

The Army team will be as follows:—

L/Cpl. Bankier (Royal Scots) or L/Cpl. Reynolds (R.A.O.C.); Pte. Naysmith (Royal Scots) and Sgt. Fraser (Royal Scots); Cpl. Birrell (Royal Engineers), L/Cpl. Bright (Middlesex Regt.) and Sgt. Freshwater (Middlesex Regt.); Sgt. Owens (12th Hvy. Regt., R.A.), Pte. Hossack (Royal Scots), Spr. Fox (Royal Engineers), Cpl. West (R.A.S.C.) and S/Sgt. Duffield (Capt.) (R.A.O.C.).

Reserves:—Gnr. Lawton (5th A.A. Regt., R.A.), Hdr. Guy (8th Hvy. Regt., R.A.), L/Sgt. Craven (5th A.A. Regt., R.A.), Spr. Pelham (Royal Engineers) and Pte. Munroe (Royal Scots).

At last the Army have found a winning combination, and it is a good many seasons since this has been accomplished, and it is hoped that they will be able to continue with this successful combination.

They were well served by S/Sgt. Duffield of the R.A.O.C. as a skipper and he guided them well in the last match.

Royal Engineers were given a surprise in the Junior Shield on Saturday when they were knocked out by a Third Division side, the 36th Hvy. Bty., R.A. This is the Engineer's first defeat this season.

Royal Army Service Corps were again successful in this competition when they defeated 24th Bty., R.A. by one goal to nil at Sookunpoo on Sunday.

Royal Corps of Signals did well to hold 30th Bty., R.A., to a draw after extra time. The 30th Bty., R.A. are the holders of the Junior Shield, and have big hopes of retaining it again this season.

TO-NIGHT at the Y.M.C.A., Cpl. Harvey of the Royal Army Medical Corps will play Pereira of the H.K.V.D.

Snooker Exhibition in aid of the "South China Morning Post"

at the Garrison Snooker League:—

Eng Sgts' Mess v R.A. Station Mess

Military Police v Engineers "A"

R.A.P.C. v Signals "A"

R.A.M.C. v Signals' Mess

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

R.A. Station Mess v Signals "A"

Engineers "A" v Eng. Sgts' Mess

Signals' Mess v R.A.P.C.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Signals' Mess v R.A. Station Mess

Engineers "A" v Eng. Sgts' Mess

Military Police v R.A.P.C.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

R.A. Station Mess v R.A.M.C.

Engineers "A" v Signals' Mess

Eng Sgts' Mess v Signals "A"

R.A.P.C. v Military Police

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Military Police v R.A. Station Mess

R.A.M.C. v Engineers "A"

Eng. Sgts' Mess v Signals "A"

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

R.A. Station Mess v Military Police

Engineers "A" v R.A.P.C.

Eng. Sgts' Mess v R.A.M.C.

Signals' Mess v Signals "A"

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Engineers "A" v R.A. Station Mess

R.A.P.C. v Eng. Sgts' Mess

Eng. Sgts' Mess v Signals "A"

R.A.M.C. v Signals' Mess

Military Police v Signals "A"

MONDAY, MARCH 3

R.A. Station Mess v Eng. Sgts' Mess

Engineers "A" v Military Police

Signals "A" v R.A.P.C.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

Signals "A" v R.A. Station Mess

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MONDAY, MARCH 10

R.A. Station Mess v Signals' Mess

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THURSDAY, MARCH 13

R.A.M.C. v R.A. Station Mess

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Signals "A" v Eng. Sgts' Mess

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MONDAY, MARCH 17

R.A. Station Mess v R.A.P.C.

Engineers "A" v R.A.M.C.

Eng. Sgts' Mess v Signals' Mess

Signals "A" v Military Police

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

Military Police v R.A. Station Mess

R.A.P.C. v Engineers "A"

R.A.M.C. v Eng. Sgts' Mess

Signals' Mess v Signals "A"

### WEEK-END SOCCER PROGRAMME

The following is the soccer programme for the coming week-end:

#### Saturday

| FIRST DIVISION                         |                 |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Sing Tao (Club, 4.15 p.m.)             | v Kowloon       |
| Club (Causeway Bay, 4.15 p.m.)         | v Middlesex     |
| Police (Boundary Street, 4.15 p.m.)    | v Royal Scots   |
| South China (Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.) | v St. Joseph's  |
| SECOND DIVISION                        |                 |
| Kit Chee (St. Joseph's, 2.45 p.m.)     | v Service Corps |
| Sing Tao (Club, 2.45 p.m.)             | v Club          |
| Ordnance (Military, 4.15 p.m.)         | v Engineers     |
| Police (Boundary Street, 2.45 p.m.)    | v Kowloon       |
| 30th R.A. (Stanley, 2.45 p.m.)         | v Middlesex     |
| South China (Caroline Hill, 2.45 p.m.) | v Kwong Wah     |
| THIRD DIVISION                         |                 |
| 12th R.A. (Stanley, 4.15 p.m.)         | v Service Corps |
| Shell (St. Joseph's, 4.15 p.m.)        | v Engineers     |
| Medicals (Military, 2.45 p.m.)         | v 35th R.A.     |

#### Sunday

| FIRST DIVISION                          |               |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------|
| Navy (Causeway Bay, 4.15 p.m.)          | v Eastern     |
| SECOND DIVISION                         |               |
| Navy (Causeway Bay, 2.45 p.m.)          | v Royal Scots |
| THIRD DIVISION                          |               |
| 36th R.A. (Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)        | v Signals     |
| 20th R.A. (Sookunpoo, 2.45 p.m.)        | v 7th R.A.    |
| International (Chatham Road, 2.45 p.m.) | v A.S.A.      |
| Air Force (Chatham Road, 4.15 p.m.)     | v 24th R.A.   |

### FOOTBALLERS AND SERVICE

So many box-office stars are in uniform that obviously the future of sport depends largely on the good will of Service chiefs, says a sports writer.

This is increasingly true in Soccer, Rugby, boxing, golf, and cricket, so the anxious controllers of these games will welcome the conference called by the Army Sports Control Board.

I can relieve the fears of Soccer and Rugby clubs may find it is going to be more difficult to rely on their soldier and R.A.F. players. Throughout the various commands, sport's plight is recognised, and it is believed there is no intention of adding to civilian club difficulties.

So long as it is realised that the first and last word on the release of a Service player must be with his commanding officer, the player will get sympathetic treatment.

It will not be surprising if Soccer clubs are told they can do more to help themselves by at once notifying other clubs when they know a Service player had been moved to their area.

#### Selfish Clubs

There is still a deal of selfishness operating in this respect, and it has led to attractive players sometimes being left without a Regional game.

The "players pool" idea, if all the clubs play their part unselfishly, can at least ensure there will be no shortage of first-class players.

Whether the fading Soccer public can be wined back is another matter, but it will at least help if the crowd is assured of first, instead of second, class fare with hurriedly revised teams.

### ANOTHER WIN FOR 'VARSITY

Playing at home, University "A" beat Chinese "Y" by 8 games to one, in an "A" Division Badminton League match last night.

On the first meeting of these two Clubs, University won 7-2. P. K. Hui and H. F. Chew (University).

beat C. Au and P. H. Wong 23-20 beat C. Y. Yung and F. Koh 21-6 beat H. Koh and P. C. Lau 21-9 K. W. Choy and C. K. Li (University).

beat Au and Wong 21-9 beat Yung and Koh 21-13 beat Hok and Lau 23-20 M. P. Yoong and Y. P. Yoong (University).

lost to Au and Wong 20-21 beat Yung and Koh 21-6 beat Hok and Lau 21-2

#### LEAGUE TABLE

|                | P. | L. | W. | F. | A. | Pts. |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| University "A" | 3  | 0  | 3  | 24 | 3  | 6    |
| University "B" | 2  | 1  | 1  | 10 | 8  | 2    |
| Recreio        | 3  | 2  | 1  | 9  | 18 | 2    |
| Chinese "Y"    | 4  | 3  | 1  | 11 | 25 | 2    |

#### TO-DAY'S HOCKEY

Following have been chosen to represent Hong Kong Hockey Club in the quadrangular hockey tournament against Indian Army on Club ground to-day at 4.45 p.m.

Benwell, Taylor and Bond; McLellan, Reed and N. Whitley; Smith, T. Whitley, E. Fowler, A. Guest and Morgan.

#### SUNDAY'S HOCKEY

Following are the Hong Kong Hockey Association tournament fixtures for Sunday:—

10.30 A.M.  
Punjab v A. N. O. her XI  
Signals v Police "A"  
Khalsa v C.B.A.  
5th A.A. "A" v Recreio  
Destroyers v University  
4.00 P.M.  
Nomads v 2/M.T.B.'s  
Police "B" v Engineers  
5th A.A. "B" v Gunboats

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Cpl. Harvey was the winner of this year's Snooker Individual Championships.

Two weeks ago Cpl. Harvey was beaten by Pereira in a Snooker match by points, although Harvey won two out of three frames.

TO-DAY at Sookunpoo two more Large Units Rugby matches are being played and the first game will be between the Middlesex Regt. and the Combined Small Units, at 3.15 p.m.

The second game will be between Combined Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers, at 4.45 p.m.

Rugby

At King's Park on Sunday, H.M.S. Tamar beat Royal Army Pay Corps by 7 wickets in a friendly cricket match.

R.A.P.C.

Luckhurst, b West 0

Boocock, c West, b Roughley 16

Carden, b West 0

Hemming, c and b Roughley 12

Pinkney, b West 4

Haskins, c Hopkins, b West 6

Happe, not out 23

Standing, b West 0

Stone, c Roughley, b West 1

Smart, c Bainborough, b Horgan 0

Extras (W1, B3, LB1, NB1) 0

Totals (for 9 wkts. dec.) 68

A. N. Other did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

O. M. R. W.

West 10 2 23 0

Roughley 6 1 26 2

Horgan 3.5 0 13 1

H.M.S. TAMAR

West, c Happe, b Haskins 5

Boyes, c Boocock, b Smart 46

Roughley, b Boocock 4

Horgan, c and b Haskins 7

Hopkins, c and b Smart 21

Sharp, b Smart 6

Bainborough, c and b Smart 0

Jones, run out 0

Marie, c and b Standing 0

Burns, c Standing 5

Daniels, not out 6

Extras (W2, LB12) 14

Totals 114

Bowling Analysis

O. M. R. W.

Haskins 6 0 20 2

Boocock 7 2 23 1

Luckhurst 2 0 16 0

Standing 4.4 1 19 2

Smart 4 0 23 4

REFEREES' MEETING

TO-DAY

The Monthly Meeting of the Hong Kong Football Referees' Association will be held at the Hotel Cecil to-day at 8 p.m. A talk on Soccer will be given by one of the members.

Mr. John Ball, who won the Amateur Golf Championship eight times, has died. First amateur to win the Open title and, until Bobby Jones accomplished the feat, the only man to win the Amateur and Open in the same year, he was 78 years of age.



# DYING PONY DERBY HERO WINS RECORD RACE

By A Correspondent

SCOTTISH RIFLE, a pony which won the Northolt Derby for Miss Dorothy Paget, has been rescued from death's door to win a race in record time.

Sent to Malaya, Scottish Rifle was found by Captain Rufus Bowden, an Army veterinary surgeon and younger son of Mr. Arthur Bowden, of Epson, who is well known in Surrey business and sporting circles to be seriously ill and dying.

He not only restored the pony to health, but Scottish Rifle won a race in record time.

The captain was not quite aware that he had such a distinguished patient.

In a letter to his father he says he "thinks" Scottish Rifle won the Northolt Derby. He now knows enough about him to write that the colt is a super-horse.

Monty Smyth, the leading pony trainer, tells me there has been a good market for English racing ponies in Malaya and the East, and fairly high prices have been realised.

## Stardust Not For Sale

An offer to buy Stardust, second in the St. Leger and "Guineas," has been made from America but has not been accepted. No offer to purchase the "Leger" winner, Turkhan, has yet been made.

Meanwhile I learn that the Aga Khan has decided to send Turkhan and Dastur to the Old Connell Stud, Co. Kildare, in the near future. Each will stand at a fee of £75. Dastur has been at stud in England for the past six years.

Both stallions were bred at Sheshoon, Co. Kildare, which is quite close to their new home.

## BOXER WHO MADE BOXING LAWFUL

Jack Roberts, British feather-weight champion of 40 years ago, who was admitted to hospital suffering from injuries caused in an air raid, has one claim to fame.

The sequel to one of his fights was the ruling that boxing is lawful and was not prize-fighting.

Roberts had knocked out Dilly Smith the American champion, at the N.S.C. in the eighth round. Smith died two days later in hospital.

The ruling was made following a two-day inquiry at which J. H. Douglas gave evidence.

When Roberts was fighting Wil Curley for the title at the N.S.C. three months before, members laid and accepted 1,000 to 1 against him.

He had been following his second's advice and had been taking a terrific hiding. In the eighth round he boxed "on his own" and knocked Curley out!

## LEAGUE CUP TWO-SECTION AFFAIR

The League Cup, to be played for in the second half of the English season, will remain a two-section affair.

This was the somewhat surprising statement made by Mr. Fred Howard, the League secretary, after the meeting of the Management Committee at Blackburn recently.

It is surprising because it was believed that in view of the altered circumstances a reversion to a four-section affair (as last season) was essential for the Cup's success.

Football Association have decided that large numbers of affiliated clubs who have not paid subscriptions shall be readmitted to membership without payment of entry fee at end of war.

## DERBY WINNER RETIRED TO STUD.

It is surprising that Pont l'Eveque, winner of the Derby at Newmarket in June, has seen the last of the public track and that he goes to stud at the remarkably low fee of £98.

This must be the lowest within memory for a newly-retired Derby winner. It is of course, due partly to present conditions.

The fees for both Hyperion and Blue Peter are 400 guineas.

Pont l'Eveque's owner-trainer, Fred Darling, would probably have been able to stipulate a higher fee had the colt won the Champion Stakes instead of finishing third to the disqualified Stardust, or even if he had decided to reserve him for the Thirk St. Leger, where the longer distance would have suited the Derby winner.

G. B. Legge, former Kent captain, killed while flying with the Fleet Air Arm, held the rare distinction of having captained Oxford in his second year. He was a first-class slip.

England Football Association have given another £1,000 towards Army Soccer equipment.

## HENRY COTTON FULLY BOOKED FOR YEAR

Henry Cotton has been booked on for 1941, but he has nothing yet settled for 1942-3 or 4. Looks like a long war.

But it is true he has three dates fixed with the usual reservation, of course. The clubs are Sherwood Forest, Luffenham Heath and Church Stretton.

And Henry, although now having only one free day a week in which to back his travelling as well as his match, is asking for more! Secretaries should get busy.

The Cotton matches now total £27,770, and Henry wants to make it £30,000 by the spring.

# MISS HARDWICK'S DECISION NO GREAT SURPRISE

IT WAS NO SURPRISE to hear that golden-haired Mary Hardwick has gone professional, and will make the fourth on the Budge-Tilden-Marble tour starting at Madison Square Garden.

She is handing over to America's British War Relief Fund a percentage of her earnings which will be substantial.

As an amateur she just missed championship class, possibly through sacrificing hitting power for style.

Miss Hardwick's hero was always Tilden, and she says she will be thrilled to be in active tennis with him.

"His appearance at Wimbledon in 1930 was the first big match I watched," she says.

It was Bill's last season before turning professional and this would have happened a year earlier but for Tilden, after publicly announcing his retirement, being so raw over America's Davis Cup defeat by France that he decided to have another crack at the 1930 title—just to show that Americans could still play tennis.

He won, after a memorable battle with Wilmer Allison—and only lost two sets (to Jean Borotra) on the way to the final. Bill was then 37.

## AL. PERRY JOINS UP

Friends of the 1935 Open champion, Alfred Perry, were sorry to hear that he was leaving his club at Leatherhead.

Perry has joined the Army, and went to the West country for a few weeks before his age group is called up.

People will miss his modest announcement over his shop, which proclaims him Assistant champion 1924-25, and which Alfred never troubled to have altered when he won the greatest golfing honour of all.

The Assistant's title was the first he ever won, and he was more thrilled by that than any victory in his subsequent career.

Jimmy Lyden, Bootle, beat Basil McGee, Liverpool, on points at Blackpool recently.

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# LEASE AND LEND DEBATE

## War In Six Months, Says Hamilton Fish

### OFFENSIVE PATROL IN N.W. FRANCE

Targets in north-west occupied France were bombed in the course of an offensive patrol by a small force of bombers shortly before dawn yesterday, says Reuter from London.

### 5,000 RUMANIAN ARRESTS

Five thousand arrests have been made in Rumania following a comb-out by police after the recent Iron Guard revolt, according to Bucharest radio yesterday.

Police are still searching for arms at the homes of persons who took part in the revolt. Over 100 lorries of goods looted during the revolt have been recovered by the authorities.

Bucharest radio adds that assurances of fidelity to General Antonescu are pouring in from penitent Iron Guards all over the country.

They saw they were misled by dishonest leaders who betrayed the faith of Codreanu, founder of the Iron Guard.—Reuter.

## Bill Submitted As Defence Measure

A "PURELY DEFENCE measure" was the description applied by Representative Sabath, Chairman of the Rules Committee, formally opening the debate on the Lease and Lend Bill in the House of Representatives in Washington yesterday.

Hamilton Fish, the first Republican speaker, predicted that the United States would be involved in war in Europe within six months of the Bill being approved unchanged.

A hot discussion was initiated by Representative Dirksen, who referred to Lord Halifax's visit on Saturday to Mr. Sol Bloom, Chairman of the House Foreign Relations Committee, who afterwards stated he assured Lord Halifax the Bill would be passed without major change.

Mr. Dirksen termed this "extraordinary procedure" and demanded a report of what happened when Lord Halifax called.

### "Very Improper"

Mr. Bloom, with flushed face, replied in a tense voice that the only things mentioned were the exhibition of the Magna Charta and the procedure to be followed in Congress in regard to the Bill. Mr. Bloom added that Mr. Dirksen's question was very improper.

Mr. Dirksen replied, "America's destiny hangs in the balance. This is a proper question."—Reuter.

### Senate Committee Begins Task

The Lease and Lend Bill would "vest in one man the decision of peace or war in this country," said Senator Philip LaFollette before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in Washington yesterday.

Senator LaFollette, twice Governor of Wisconsin, organised the National Progressives of America in 1939.

He said M. Daladier told him in March, 1939, that France expected the United States to help with money, materials and men.

"Money and materials are in this Bill and I have no hesitation in saying the President would be justified in regarding this legislation as a mandate to carry out the full implications of entrance into the war."

### Socialist Attitude

Mr. Norman Thomas, the Socialist leader, testifying before the Committee, asserted that the passage of the Bill would almost certainly be followed by the despatch of troops to Europe.

It increased the danger of the United States finding themselves involved in total war.

"The victory we should then want, namely the elimination of the power not only of the Axis but also of Japan, would logically require troops in Asia and Europe, and perhaps Africa."—Reuter.

## GEN. SMUTS WARNS THE TROOPS

A special order has been issued by General Smuts, Prime Minister and General Officer Commanding the Union of South Africa defence forces, drawing the attention of all ranks to the necessity of observing orderly conduct "even in face of frequent provocation."

The order says General Smuts views with the gravest disapproval the riotous conduct of certain members of the forces at Johannesburg on Friday and Saturday, the effect of which, whatever the circumstances, can only bring discredit upon the uniform and embarrass him.

General Smuts will take severe disciplinary action, the order continues, to ensure the maintenance of respect for authority and obedience to civil law "which is as necessary in the normal life of our cities as discipline is necessary in face of the enemy."—Reuter.

## STOP PRESS

A poll on Mr. Hayashi's amendment to the Council resolution for a 40 per cent. surcharge on Municipal taxes will be taken when the Shanghai Ratepayers' re-assemble tomorrow afternoon, according to an announcement.

The Japanese amendment, which at the last meeting was underlined by shots from Mr. Hayashi, calls for abandonment of the proposed surcharge.

Although the Japanese Ratepayers' Association decided to boycott the meeting it is still uncertain whether the decision will be followed.

Tellers appointed by the Council to conduct the poll include many Japanese.—Reuter.

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# ANGLO-AMERICAN DEFENCE MERGER PLAN

## NUISANCE RAIDS ON LONDON

Raids were made by several enemy aircraft flying singly over the east and southeast coasts during yesterday morning and afternoon.

Bombs were dropped at several places in London, East Anglia and Kent.

Some damage was done and a small number of people killed in a Kent coast town.

An enemy bomber was shot down by R.A.F. fighters over the Essex coast in the afternoon.

Reports from various sources suggest that all the crew of the destroyed German bomber perished.

Over London the raiders indulged in indiscriminate bombing and the raids generally appeared to have no particular objective beyond creating a nuisance.—Reuter.

## PETAIN'S MAIN WEAPON AGAINST HERR HITLER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

REPORTS FROM THE UNITED STATES NAVAL HIGH COMMAND TO CONGRESSMEN REVEAL THAT PRACTICALLY THREE-FOURTHS OF THE FRENCH FLEET IS INTACT AND OUT OF HITLER'S REACH AND IS ONE OF THE STRONGEST WEAPONS OF MARSHAL PETAIN FOR RESISTING GERMAN DEMANDS.

Admiral Stark gave accurate information secretly to the House Naval Affairs Committee.

It is reported in Washington that the Nazis want the French fleet for invasion and, this failing, could use the Mediterranean.

Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary for Navy, testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he understood Hitler was still "negotiating" for possession of the French fleet.

In the meantime, speculation has been aroused by the sudden interruption of all telegraph and telephone communications in and out of Paris yesterday, together with failure of the electric power supply.

Some quarters suggest that the black-out has no connection with

the Nazi attempt to force Marshal Petain to the German will, but is probably explained by acts of sabotage.

### Negotiation Secrecy

No information has come out of Vichy regarding the course of the negotiations, in which M. Baudoin

WEATHER FORECAST: — North and north-east winds; fine generally.

## All Facilities At Joint Disposal

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

INFORMED QUARTERS IN WASHINGTON SAID YESTERDAY THAT THE ADMINISTRATION IS ENVISAGING A VIRTUAL MERGING OF BRITISH AND AMERICAN DEFENCE FACILITIES AS THE PROBABLE OUTCOME OF THE BRITISH AID POLICY.

They assert that the present trend of American foreign policy is moving rapidly in this direction and is being given an impetus by those believing that Anglo-American political and economic cooperation must be the foundation of the maintenance of world peace after the war.

The idea forming in Administration minds foresees Britain and the United States in future placing at one another's dis-

posal whatever defence facilities may be required to resist aggression, except actual man-power.

The idea envisages not only an exchange of naval and military bases but a "loan" of all types of needed defence articles including warships.

Thus it is hoped the two nations might make available to one another needed defences without actually being dragged into one another's wars.

### Merged Facilities

The Lease and Lend Bill authorised the President to permit British warships to use American bases and empowers him to lease or lend any defence article, including warships.

In return for this and other aid American officials expect benefits bringing a virtual merging of defence facilities.

America would like to use ports and airfields in eastern and southern Australia and northern New Zealand, not to mention the value of Singapore, and this may be one of the first benefits President Roosevelt will seek to exchange. — International News Service.

is taking an active part. He had several interviews with Marshal Petain yesterday.

It is considered significant, however, that Admiral Darlan, before leaving for Paris, made a speech in Vichy declaring that the fleet would remain "solely under French jurisdiction" and would be used against any enemy. He urged young Frenchmen to enlist in the Navy.

Competent observers still believe that if Hitler tries to employ force to achieve his aims, Marshal Petain and Admiral Darlan will join General Weygand in Algeria, bringing France back into the war on Britain's side. — International News Service.

## Sardinia Raid's Success

The Italian High Command communique issued last night admits an attack by British naval aircraft on military objectives in Sardinia, announced by the British Admiralty.

The Admiralty says that 'planes of the Fleet Air Arm attacked several strategic points in Sardinia, including the main source of power supply.'

One of the British 'planes engaged is missing.

The Italian Radio stated that

## AXIS SQUEEZE HOPE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Germany and Japan will use a "squeeze plan" to attack the United States simultaneously if England falls, the Administration spokesman warned the House of Representatives yesterday in the first of a three-day debate on the British Aid Bill.

Representative Luther Johnson, ranking Democrat on the House Foreign Affairs Committee and the President's intimate, made this prediction as a climax to a bitter session.

The House, by an overwhelming majority, agreed to end the general debate on Wednesday night. Amendments will be taken up on Thursday with the final vote forecast for Friday.

The Speaker, Representative Rayburn, predicted a majority of between 100 and 125 for the Bill.

Senate discussion of the Bill yesterday was confined to the Foreign Relations Committee.—International News Service.

bombs and aerial torpedoes were dropped.

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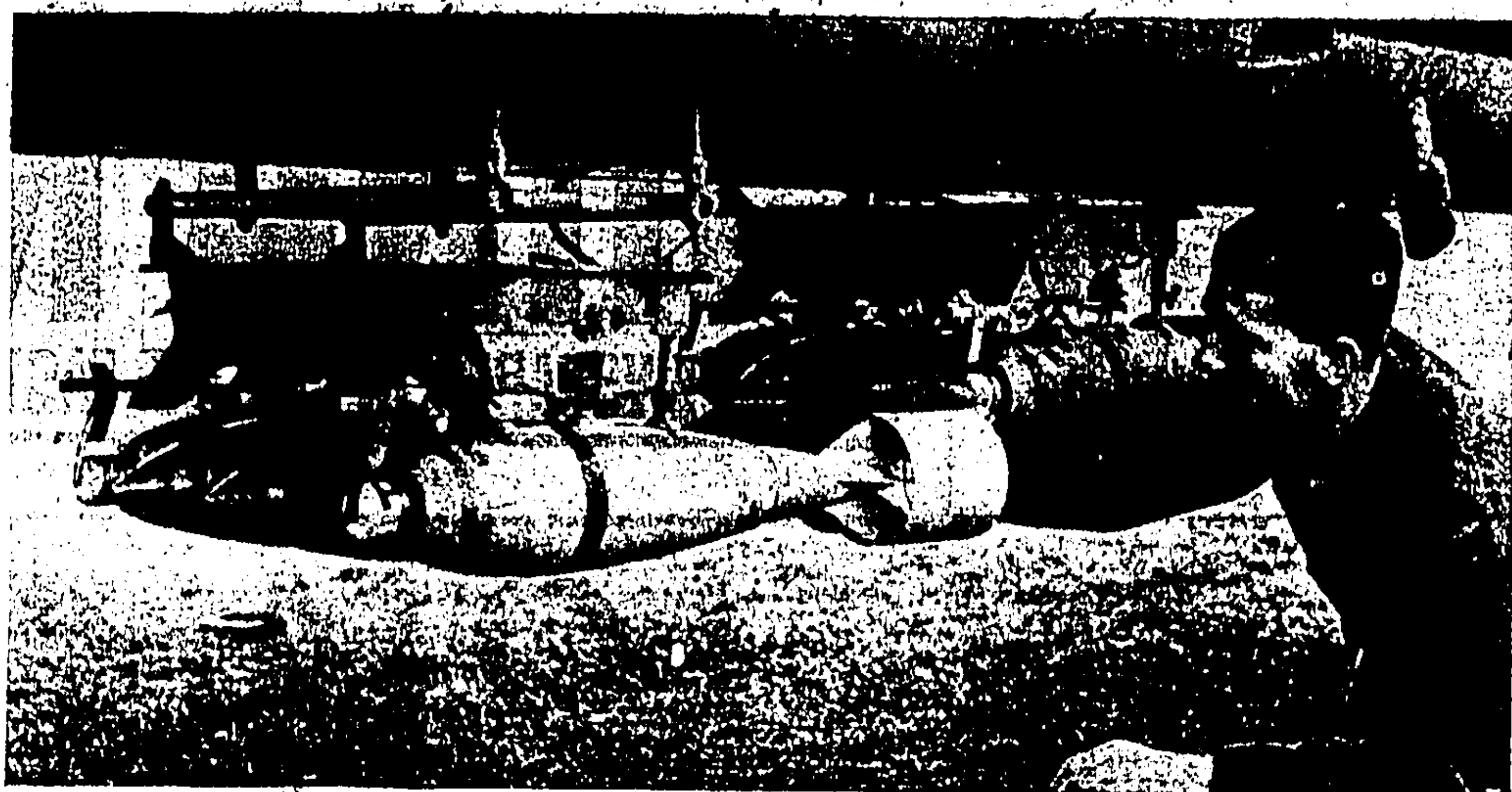
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# Air Force Blasting A Way For Wavell Army

**ROADS BETWEEN Derna and Benghazi, in Libya, were strafed on Sunday by R.A.F. bombers and fighters, while 25 miles south-west of Appollonia troops and lorries were machine-gunned at Slonta. Thirteen lorries were destroyed.**

This is revealed in an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo which adds that other attacks on motor transport were made at Maraua and on the road between that place and Gubba.



The Armourer loading a Blenheim of the Coastal Command with small bombs used for attacking enemy escort vessels, prior to taking off for Denmark. (Copyright, Fox).

The aerodrome at Appollonia was attacked and three Ghiblis (twin-engined general purpose monoplane) and one Caproni bomber destroyed.

Here also troops and transport were effectively machine-gunned.

One Fiat biplane fighter was shot down at Cirene, 10 miles south of Appollonia.

On Saturday the South African Air Force bombed enemy emplacements in East Africa.

## Barentu Bombed

Supporting the army offensive the R.A.F. made diving attacks on fort buildings at Barentu, which was hit by several bombs. Others fell among a concentration of motor transport where at least 50 vehicles were rendered unserviceable.

West of Asmara, another concentration of motor vehicles were attacked while direct hits were scored on the road.

A Savoia bomber was shot down at Agordat and during the whole of these operations only one British aircraft failed to return safely. —Reuter.

## EMPIRE FLYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

The British and Empire flyweight boxing championship title was at stake in a fight at Nottingham last night between Jackie Paterson (Glasgow), the holder, and Paddy Ryan (Manchester).

Paterson won in the eighth round, the referee stopping the fight. —Reuter.

## WILLKIE FINDS HIS ANSWER

Mr. Wendell Willkie's sixty-minute tour of the bomb-damaged area of Manchester included some of the most enthusiastic scenes there for many years.

Dense crowds stopped his car time and again and the police bodyguard had to be augmented to save him from being mobbed by admirers.

He told a reporter: "I have found the answer to the question I set out to ask," referring to the hundreds of people with whom he had spoken.

"The people's spirit is magnificent. I don't believe any nation in the world is more united in a cause than the people of the British Isles."

Mr. Willkie said he was more impressed by what was still being produced by industry than by damage done. —Reuter.

## ALL SOUTHERN ITALY DECLARED A WAR ZONE

Mussolini has declared the whole of southern Italy a war zone and has placed it under martial law, according to Greek press reports quoted by Athens radio last night, says Reuter.

## GREEKS PUSH ON IN RAIN

Greek troops, defying heavy rain, on the whole front scored new successes yesterday, according to a Press Ministry statement broadcast by Athens radio last night.

The statement says the Greek forces increased their relentless pressure on the Italian positions on the central front.

Greek heavy guns maintained a ceaseless fire on dominant points of the line recently captured from the enemy.

Local surprise attacks upon Italian posts on various sectors of the front resulted in the capture of trenches without a shot being fired.

Mopping up operations in the mountains north of Klissoura have been completed, and the last vestige of Italian resistance was eliminated without any serious effort.

### Way Open

The obstacles overcome by the Greek troops now open the way for action on a wider scale.

After the disasters they suffered on the previous days, the Italians refrained from any offensive action on Monday, except against one height beyond Klissoura where they launched 12 consecutive attacks, all of which were repulsed with bloody losses to the enemy. —Reuter.

## CANADIANS TO FORM TANK DIVISION

The Canadian Government will spend over \$100,000,000 during the 1941/42 fiscal year to form and equip an armoured division and tank brigade to reinforce the Canadian Corps overseas, stated Colonel Ralston, National Defence Minister, at a press conference in Ottawa yesterday. —Reuter.

## R.A.F. BOMBERS GIVING LIKE FOR LIKE

"THE PEOPLE OF THIS country have withstood the German onslaught with magnificent courage but they can feel that the Bomber Command is giving like for like," said a senior R.A.F. officer yesterday in a talk with pressmen in London.

"The Germans in the past have gone into the ring and put their heavyweights up against bantams and lightweights.

"Doubtless it was very amusing but Germany won't find it so amusing, but more deadly, when they realise they are in the ring with another heavyweight.

"I think the Bomber Command has already developed a very good straight left and they are busy strengthening up a very formidable right."

Dealing with the "sweep" of the French coast by British fighters the officer explained that when the Germans carried the attack into Great Britain we fought it out in this country but

"as we get stronger so we will lean out and attack the Germans on their side of the Channel and carry the battle into his country, so to speak, and show him quite clearly that he cannot wander about our southern counties." —Reuter.

### Gen. Milch's Admission

So far the German air defences cause R.A.F. bombers no undue worry, a high air officer in London said yesterday.

Referring to the recent speech of the Nazi air chief, General Milch, the officer said Milch found it necessary to explain to the German public that far from being able to give immunity from British bombers, "night raiders are very difficult to find."

Speaking of damage done by R.A.F. attacks the R.A.F. officer said pilots' reports contained an accurate account, which was supported in the "second place" by subsequent photographs and thirdly by information received from independent sources.

He instanced the Mannheim raids of December, in which the formation received established that some hits were obtained on railways, causing damage it would take three weeks to repair, while 248 industrial premises were destroyed and considerable damage done to the inland port.

German railways and communications were strained to capacity, he said, and any loss of time could never be made up. Hence the value of raids which caused dislocation of communications.

Many targets were selected by the Ministry of Economic Warfare and at present the Achilles Heel of the Nazi war economy was synthetic oil production. —British Wireless.

## TRIPOLI AIR BASE STRAFED

Castel Benito — important Italian base in Tripoli — and environs were very heavily and successfully bombed yesterday by the R.A.F., states a Cairo communique.

The raid took place in the early hours and several tons of high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped.

At least seven enemy aircraft on the ground on the aerodrome were destroyed by fire.

Direct hits were scored on a large hangar and buildings which were set afire.

In addition other R.A.F. planes machine-gunned motor transport on the west of the aerodrome and on the main road near Zanzur, causing considerable damage.

All R.A.F. planes returned safely. —Reuter.

## EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE

Wong Kiu-fui, alias Wong Kung-but, 35, described as a salesman, was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, with embezzlement of \$5,000, received on account of his employer, Chan Siu-wai, of the Wing Shun Firm, on December 28, 1939.

Mr. P. Y. Woo, for the prosecution, asked the Court to adjourn the case for one week. Further charges might be preferred. Defendant was allowed bail of \$5,000.

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# JAPANESE POLICY ALL ADRIFT

## Masterly Review Of Long Road With No Right Turning

A SPECIAL ARTICLE IN THE LONDON "TIMES" YESTERDAY, ENTITLED "JAPANESE POLICY ADRIFT," SUMS UP THE TREND OF JAPANESE FOREIGN POLICY IN RECENT YEARS.

The article says that when, on the night of September 18, 1931, Japan in Manchuria set out on the long road which so far has shown no turning, her leaders acquired a certain dexterity in persuading the Japanese public, and to a lesser extent the world, that effect usually precedes cause.

First they shaped the shadows which events cast before them and then created the events themselves, and by that process ultimately proved, at any rate to their own satisfaction, the justice of the action which they thereupon felt inevitably called to take.

At the time of the Manchurian incident the world was caught napping, not yet alive to the new technique which has since become a commonplace.

Even Hitler did not disdain to borrow from the Japanese when he began to be threatened by small nations and overran them in self-defence. The Manchurian incident was also responsible for the formation of the habit of inventing militant slogans.

In 1931 much was heard of the "30,000,000 oppressed people of Manchuria."

### Ready Tongues

Round figures, all ready off the tongues of Japanese orators.

But in due course the feeling of oppression was alleged to have removed from 30,000,000 Manchurians and one began to hear a good deal about the oppressed millions of China, who ran much larger but nevertheless the figures were round.

Is it entirely without significance that we are now beginning to hear of the oppressed peoples of Indo-China, Malaya, Burma, etc., (in round figures), groaning under the yoke of the white man?

### Gratuitous Aspersions

The recent speech of the Japanese Foreign Minister before the Diet was full of slogans. Mr. Matsuoka had not gone very far before he quite gratuitously alleged that accounts of Italian reverses (which the Italians themselves admitted) were malicious propaganda.

He was cordial to the Axis, placatory to the Soviet Union, formally friendly to the South American States and vaguely menacing to Indo-China, Thailand and the Netherlands East Indies.

But the real significance of the speech was that there emerged the unmistakable shadow of "encirclement by the British Empire and the U.S.A." One can almost hear the voice of Germany.

### Will Believe Anything

The British Empire, engaged in the greatest struggle of all time with a powerful and tenacious foe, and the U.S.A., whose main publicly declared endeavour is to assist the Empire in the struggle, can nevertheless spare the time and trouble to encircle Japan.

It is hardly credible but any one who believes Germany, and there is some reason to suppose that the leaders of Japan to-day do, will believe anything.

Is the shadow of encirclement the shadow which precedes events and is the event in its turn the shape which will call action just and inevitable?

### Suicidal Course

It would all be in accordance with the technique described in

the first paragraph of this article, yet it seems hardly credible that Japan would resort to so disastrous and suicidal a course.

The war of 1914-18 offered unparalleled opportunities for expansion of trade. As a signatory of the Treaty of Versailles (a fact conveniently overlooked by both Germany and Japan to-day) Japan benefited from the fruits of victory and secured among other things a mandate over the German Marshall and Caroline Islands, details of whose administrations and developments she has been curiously reluctant to divulge to the world at large for some time past.

As a result of the enormous sacrifice of blood and treasure by the Allies, compared with which the drain on Japan's own resources was infinitesimal, she enjoyed years of great prosperity, peace and ordered government, and growing world trade.

### The Great Slump

The speculative tendency of Japanese finance meant that the great slump of 1929 struck Japan even more severely than most other nations but the fashion was not then so prevalent of blaming others for one's own ills and until the autumn of 1931 Japan pursued a sane if arduous policy of trying to restore her trade and financial position by normal means.

She did more: she pursued an inevitably right policy of trying to cultivate Chinese friendship. This was the only way she could hope to secure that large share of the Chinese market to which close proximity would entitle her.

But the long record of Sino-Japanese animosity, dating particularly from the war of 1894-5 and from the Twenty-One Demands in 1915, was not easily eradicated.

The virtues of patient perseverance, which won Japan the respect of other countries in bygone days, tended to be obscured during the rapid rise of a nation of ambitious materialism.

### "Short-Cuts"

This gave certain elements of the army an opportunity in September, 1931, to attempt a short cut to prosperity, and Japan was launched upon the path of aggression, as opposed to that of conciliation and settlement of disputes by force instead of negotiation.

When Manchuria had fallen and a puppet regime established, it became clear as early as 1933 that China proper, or at any rate North China, formed the next stepping stone to expansion.

The hostilities begun in 1937 have continued nearly four years; have caused countless suffering to millions of people and have led to the occupation of all China's ports and many great cities, but have not yet brought

Japan what she sought nor altered the will of the Chinese people to be masters of their own destiny.

### Seeking A Scapegoat

The Japanese public did not suppose for a moment that the campaign against China would be anything but a short and glorious affair.

To explain the prolongation of the conflict it became necessary to lay the blame on somebody and while many were blamed the fashion grew for portraying Great Britain as the chief villain of the piece.

This was more natural because Britain has wider interests and associations in China than any other power. Her elimination, therefore, was the primary objective in the eventual elimination of all western influence from China.

### Vigour Of Resistance

While the sympathy of the British people has in the main been with the Chinese, and while, like other countries, Britain has rendered certain material assistance, neither sympathy nor such limited assistance would itself have been responsible for the vigour of Chinese resistance.

For this Japan can claim the credit. By her action in attempting to dominate China she aroused in the Chinese nation a unity, will to resist and combative power which had never previously been seen in a normally peace-loving people.

What Japan aroused she now seeks to quell and it is perhaps not surprising that she seeks to lay the blame elsewhere.

With an apparent impasse in China, the war in Europe appeared to present possibilities to Japan. During the preliminary inactivity she was content to remain passive but when, at the end of June, 1940, Germany could claim to have overrun and conquered Poland, Denmark, Holland, Norway, Belgium, Luxembourg and France, there was surely proof, if ever proof was needed, that aggression does pay.

Japan changed her government and the new government, of which Mr. Matsuoka has been the spokesman, after a little preliminary hesitation, signed a pact with Germany and Italy openly ranging Japan with Britain's enemies and threatening the U.S.A. if she dared to intervene.

### Japan Shocked

It was perhaps a pity that already by the time the pact was signed it had become apparent that the immediate overthrow of Great Britain promised by Hitler to the world at large and to Japan in particular was unlikely. This fact became patent and at the same time the U.S.A. displayed most lively and apparently unexpected reactions to the pact.

There was indeed a degree of hesitation in Japan and the world was puzzled to learn one moment that the pact did not mean what it said, and the next that it meant precisely that.

But Germany, at hand, whispered in Japan's ear that all was well, that the U.S.A. was not ready for war and could be frightened with a few study threats and that Britain's destruction was deferred only to make it more effective.

### What Germany Wants

What Germany said and is saying to Japan is that if she will take her courage in both hands all she covets lies in her grasp.

What Germany wants is Japan to become embroiled in the

war as the service thereby rendered Germany would be obvious.

But, if in the event Japan should not win, that does not matter for Germany, for at worst all three Powers would have been weakened and it is no part of the Hitlerian plan that Japan occupy an equal place with Germany in the new world order. It is as a pawn not as a partner that she is destined to play her new role.

From Mr. Matsuoka's speech Germany may well judge that her blandishments have not been in vain. At first sight the speech would appear to contain threats against the security not only of Indo-China, Thailand and the Netherlands East Indies but also Britain and the U.S.A.

### A Tall Order

It is a tall order and if Japan elects to attack there is such a thing as a vigorous and resolute defence with all those weapons of modern war to which Mr. Matsuoka referred and with which Japan is yet unfamiliar.

The real threats of Mr. Matsuoka were not against the security of the countries mentioned but against the peace, prosperity, happiness and welfare of the Japanese people.

After ten years of conquest which brought them neither spiritual nor material well-being, after a struggle in which lives were lost and deprivations suffered to no purpose they are being exhorted to believe that aggression is a good investment and although it has not paid dividends hitherto a further effort, more capital outlay and sacrifice will bring them not only dividends but a substantial bonus.

### Hypnotised

Such cynical disregard of human values might come from Hitler himself. But it comes from those leaders in Japan who believe in Germany's star and are hypnotised by it.

That their frenzied finance and bad politics may now push the people to irretrievable disasters means nothing.

Germany has spoken and what a German says must be true.

It is a solemn thought that not many decades ago, great men led Japan to greatness.

Ito, Yamagata, Okuma and Saionji were names which

## IDLE DANISH SHIPS MAY BE RELEASED

Thirty-eight Danish ships, totalling over 250,000 tons, now idle in American ports, may, if the United States Government

approves, carry cargoes to Britain, says the New York "World Telegram" yesterday.

Twenty other ships in South American ports may be released, the paper adds. — Reuter.

to conjure.

Such men may have had dreams of empire but they did not suffer the folly of grandeur nor did they seek blindly for imperfect friends.

Though in the course of half a century they transformed a feudal state into a modern nation they did not plunge their country into a reckless adventure nor cry "encirclement." They spoke the voice of Japan. That is why Japan rested on a solid foundation.

### Impenetrable Barrier

But slumbering volcanoes have always been there and have been in eruption ten years. The forces of restraint have been weakened and the molten tide flows destructively onwards.

Will it not, sooner or later, reach an impenetrable barrier against which it will pile itself in vain?

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# South Africans Now Ten Miles Inside Abyssinia

THE SUCCESS OF THE South African forces is described in an official communique issued in Nairobi yesterday.

It says: "South African forces have occupied Italian posts at El Gumu and Gorai, 10 miles inside the Abyssinian border.

## Willkie To See The King

As the culminating event in his extensive tour of Britain under war conditions Mr. Wendell Willkie expects to see the King and Queen to-day.

Mr. Willkie yesterday saw how Liverpool is taking the blitz.

Early a.m. he inspected bombed areas in the city and later, at the Town Hall, said that what he had seen proved that this type of warfare, with all its cruelty, was not accomplishing the desired end of shaking the morale of the population. Rather was it increasing the people's resolution.

Mr. Willkie visited dockland where he was called "a great guy."

### Warm Welcome

Liverpool dockers gave Mr. Wendell Willkie a warm welcome when he reached the city yesterday in continuation of his tour.

When Mr. Willkie visited the Cathedral the Chairman of the Cathedral Committee told him that the King, during his last visit, had said: "Keep going whatever you do." "And it is what we are doing."

Mr. Willkie also visited an aircraft factory in the north. He made a tour of shops and talked to workers.

Going along a passage he stopped in front of a worker. He asked: "How do you feel here about this war?"

"We know if we work hard we are going to win," said the worker. Mr. Willkie turned to the people with him and said: "That's the spirit I find everywhere in this country." — British Wireless.

## LONDON'S CROSS-CRATER BRIDGES

The Lord Mayor of London yesterday opened London's largest cross-crater bridge which Royal Engineers and men of the Pioneer Corps have worked day and night to complete.

"I thank you on behalf of the citizens of London," he said. "I should like to tell you how impressed I have been with the way you have worked. You have shown a magnificent spirit — a spirit that is going to win the war." — British Wireless.

### WRECKAGE OF JUNK

A large waterlogged junk, dangerous to navigation, has been reported by the Master of the S/S "Chungking" at a position approximately Latitude 22 deg. 04' North and Longitude 114 deg. 07½ East.

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## Jo'burg Enquiry

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Compensation would be paid for damage done to property and disciplinary action would be taken by the military authorities.

General Smuts said he deeply deplored what had occurred. — Reuter.

## FISHERY DISPUTE TO END?

STEPS TOWARDS SETTLEMENT OF THE LONG-STANDING RUSSO-JAPANESE DISPUTE WERE TAKEN BY THE APPOINTMENT OF A JOINT SOVIET-JAPANESE COMMISSION CONSISTING OF 10 MEMBERS TO NEGOTIATE A LONG-TERM FISHERIES CONVENTION.

CONVERSATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN MOSCOW SHORTLY. — REUTER.

## MERCHANT SHIP BILL APPROVED

The U.S. Senate yesterday passed a Bill providing for the construction of 200 merchant-ships for which President Roosevelt recently asked Congress.

The Bill has already been passed by the House of Representatives.

In his recent Message to Congress the President asked for \$313,000,000 to cover the cost of construction of these ships. — Reuter.

### The Occupation Of Barentu In Eritrea

The British occupation of Barentu, in Eritrea, and continuance of the British pursuit of the enemy in Abyssinia are recorded in a communique issued in Cairo yesterday as follows:

Libya: Preparations for continuation of our advance from Derna are proceeding.

Eritrea: As a result of our operations the enemy have evacuated the town of Barentu, which we occupied on Sunday. Meanwhile in the northern sector our mechanized troops are pressing back the Italian forces which are withdrawing towards Keren.

Abyssinia: Our pursuit of the enemy forces retreating towards Gondar continues as a result of which the Italians have been obliged to abandon and destroy quantities of material and stores of all kinds.

South African forces have occupied two Italian frontier posts ten miles inside the enemy border of the Dukana front.

Italian Somaliland: Vigorous activity by our patrols continues, extending and deepening our penetration across the Italian frontier. — Reuter.

### LORD LLOYD

The Colonial Office stated yesterday "there is no change in Lord Lloyd's condition." — British Wireless.

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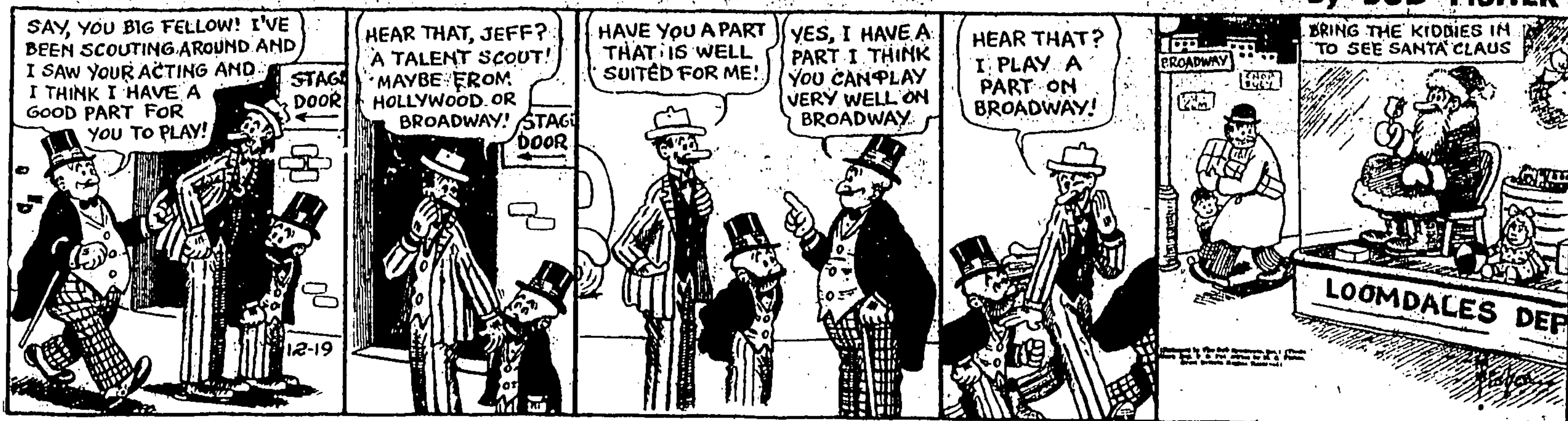
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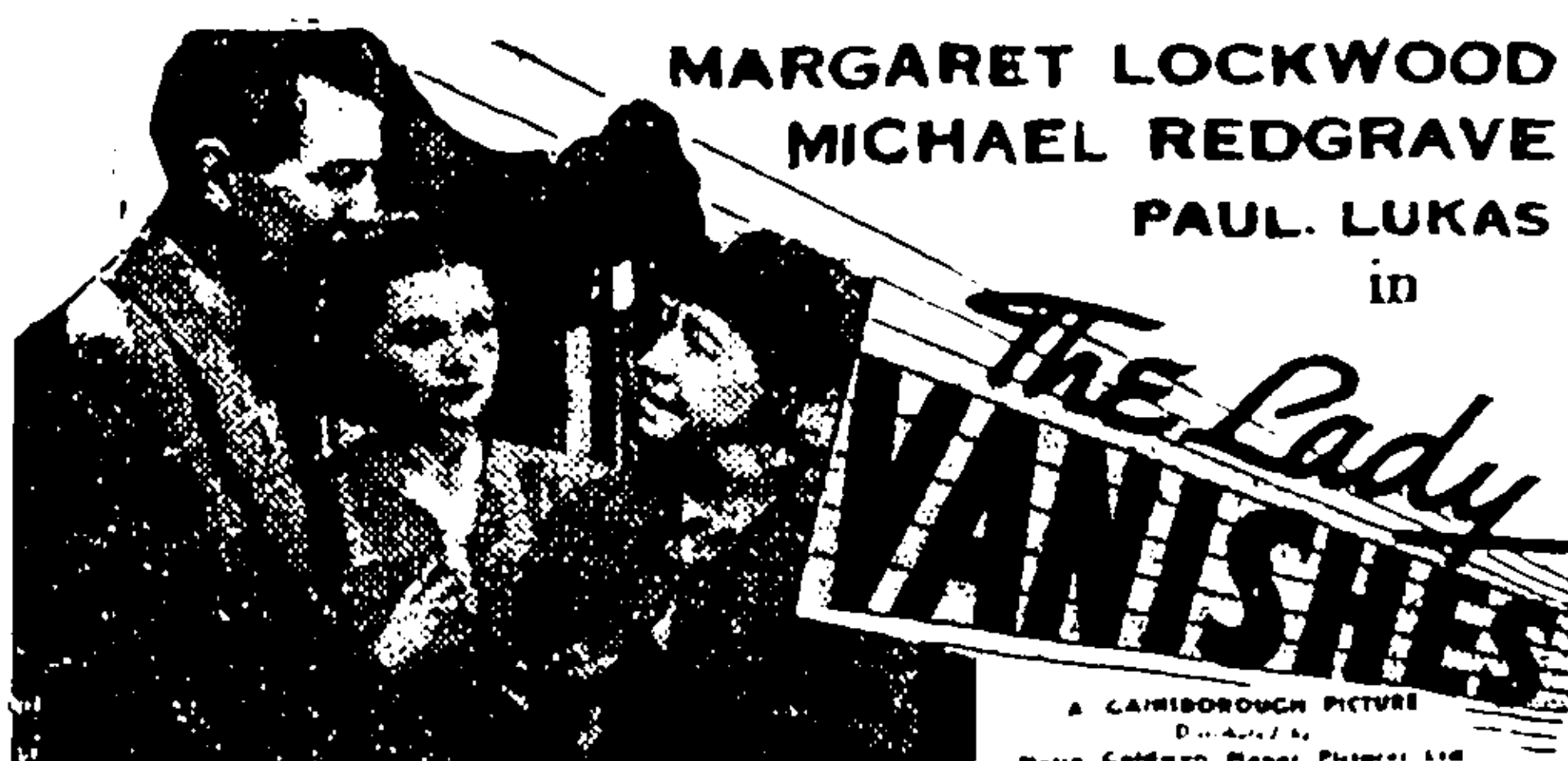
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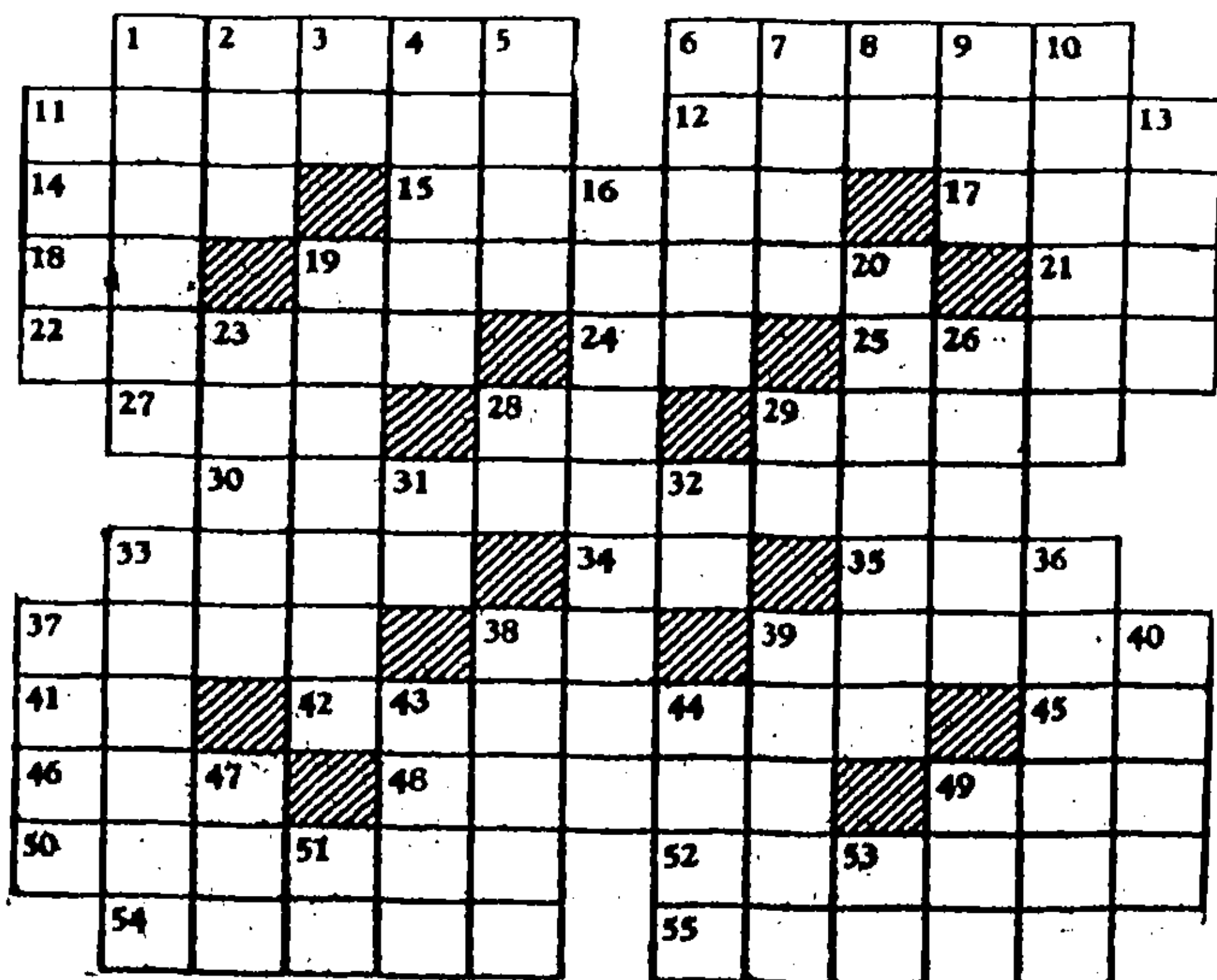
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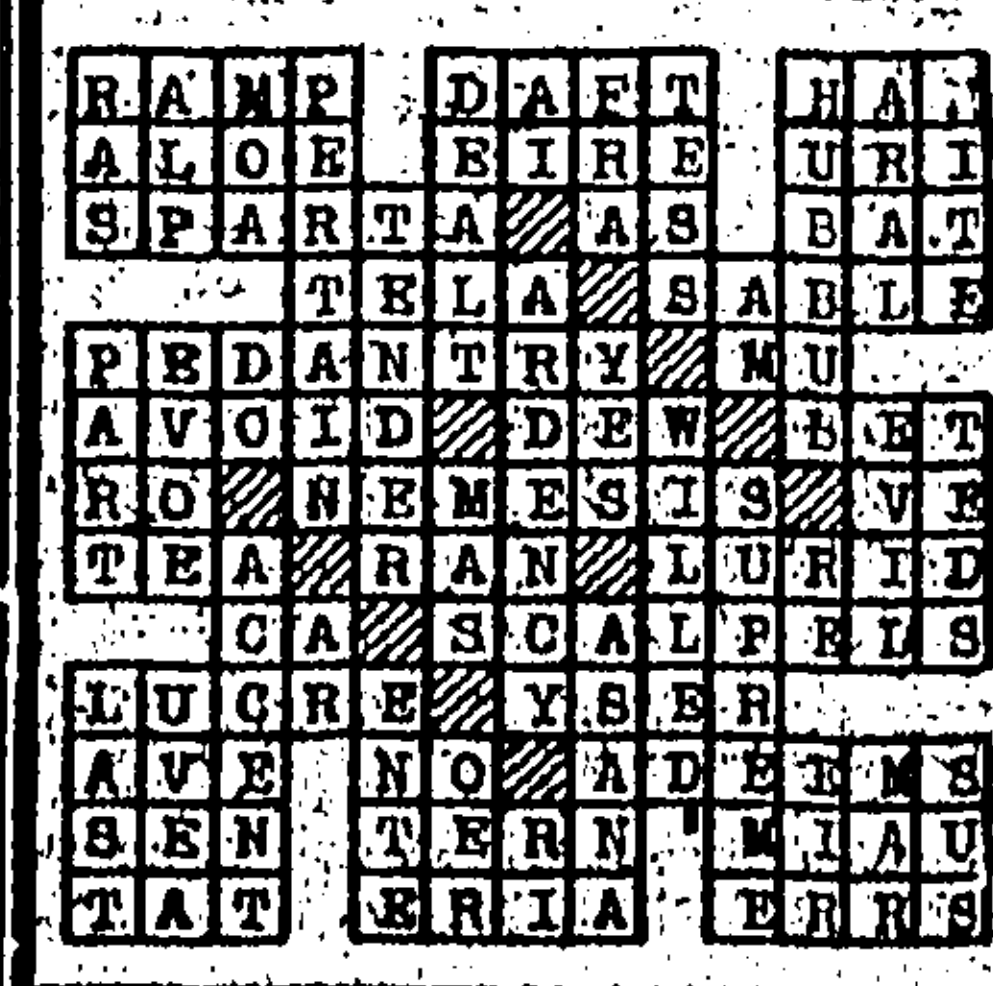
#### HORIZONTAL

- 1 Animal
- 6 Shrine of Mecca
- 11 Tar
- 12 Secluded spot
- 14 To transgress
- 15 Climbing plant
- 17 To show defiance
- 18 By
- 19 To imagine
- 21 You and I
- 22 Remains
- 24 Hebrew letter
- 25 To affirm
- 27 Inlet
- 28 Musical syllable
- 29 Raised
- 30 Musketeers
- 32 Heating apparatus
- 34 Betold
- 35 Pronoun
- 37 Plate
- 38 Symbol for calcium
- 39 Sluggish gastropod
- 41 Latin conjunction
- 42 Phase of the moon

#### VERTICAL

- 1 Trade
- 2 Norse goddess
- 3 Indian mulberry
- 4 Alone; stage direction
- 5 To stumble
- 6 Light boat
- 7 Cry of sorrow
- 8 Symbol for actinium
- 9 Masculine nickname
- 10 Sworn
- 11 To burn
- 13 Container
- 16 One who makes a legal plea
- 18 Steadfast
- 20 Pendant ornament
- 23 Filters
- 26 Roman goddess
- 28 Japanese measure
- 29 To exist
- 31 Symbol for samarium
- 32 Butterfly
- 33 One of two
- 36 Noiseless
- 37 Expensive
- 38 Irritable
- 39 To breathe noisily
- 40 To keep
- 42 Mexican cooking-pot
- 44 Entry
- 47 To echo
- 49 Woodland deity
- 51 Half an em
- 53 Egyptian sun god

#### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



## NEW TIES WITH GREECE

The closer cultural relations foreshadowed in the recent preliminary announcement of a British-Hellenic Convention are seen more clearly in details of the Convention issued yesterday.

In addition to an exchange of university professors and other men of learning modern Greek is to be regarded as ranking with other major European languages as a possible examination subject at the universities of Oxford, Cambridge and London, while study of the English language and literature will be facilitated at Athens University.

The British School of Archaeology at Athens, established in 1886, will be permitted to function in Greece, permission for the establishment of new centres being sought when desirable from the Greek Government.

Treatment, equally favourable in both countries, will be extended to scholars, students and teachers in respect of residence and employment permits and recognition of either country's degrees and diplomas will be mutual.

### Schools in Athens

An interchange is to be made of students and scholars for study, particularly in relation to art and sport, for which travel and residence facilities will be arranged.

The British Council, already established in Athens, will have the right to establish and maintain two primary and one secondary school in Athens. In order to apply the articles of the Convention as a whole two mixed Anglo-Hellenic Commissions will be constituted, one in London and one in Athens. — British Wireless.

## WIFE AS PIECE OF FURNITURE

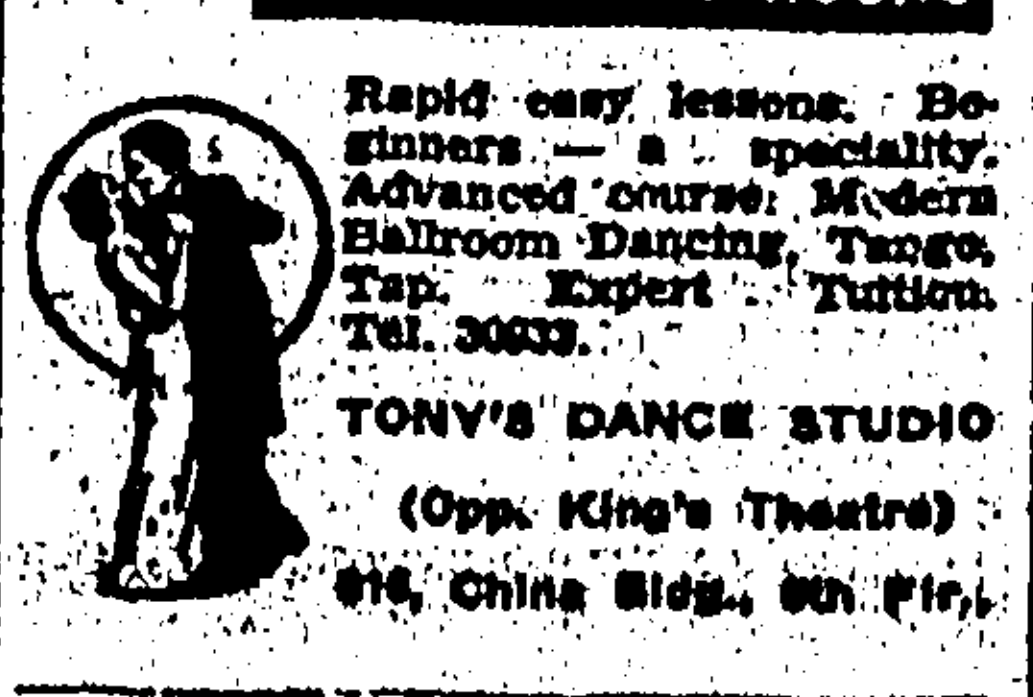
A wife who stated that her husband treated her "more like a sister or a piece of furniture," was granted a decree nisi in the Divorce Court on the ground of desertion.

She is Mrs. Olive Lillian Wall of Ingleton Avenue, Welling, Kent, whose husband before marriage spent most of his life in a Jersey monastery.

The marriage was in 1931 and there are no children.

Mrs. Wall said her husband left her in January 1937.

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# ADMIRAL DARLAN GOES TO PARIS FOR FATEFUL TALKS

IT WAS OFFICIALLY announced in Vichy yesterday that Admiral Darlan had left for Paris, the announcement crowning a day of conflicting rumours in connection with his intentions and whereabouts.

During yesterday morning the Swiss radio stated that Admiral Darlan had gone to Paris, a statement which was supported later by Budapest radio.

Budapest radio added that Admiral Darlan had been informed by the German authorities that further conversations would be useless until Vichy clearly realised the position created by the establishment of the Rassemblement National Populaire, the Nazi-inspired party in occupied France rivalling Marshal Petain.

Subsequent reports suggested that Admiral Darlan hoped to find a mean between the Vichy Government and the new National Party.

The success or otherwise of Admiral Darlan's efforts in Paris may conceivably have an important bearing on immediate European developments.—Reuter.

## Vichy In Fighting Mood

The leaders of the new Nazi-inspired National Party in Paris were attacked last night by Lyons radio, which was emphatic that the party had no connection with the organisation of the national revolution formed under the patronage of Marshal Petain.

"We are obliged to place on record the qualities of the men who form this assembly.

"Among them are Goy and Rivolet, who ceaselessly opposed the Marshal's Government. The presence will also be noted of de Loncle, head of the Cagoulauds (Hooded Men).

"FINALLY THE SUPPORT OF A NUMBER OF FREEMASONS MAY BE NOTED."—REUTER.

## AIRCRAFT RATIO

An official summary of aircraft losses during January gives enemy losses as 214 and British as 34.

The heaviest toll of enemy aircraft took place in the Mediterranean, where Stuka dive-bombers lost 90 to 100 machines in attacks on Malta, R.A.F. attacks on their bases and the attack on H.M.S. Illustrious and H.M.S. Southampton.

Over England, the enemy lost 87 aircraft compared with British losses of 14 machines.

'Round the English coast, the enemy lost 23 planes to one British.

## TRAFFIC OFFENCES

Mr. C. C. Stark, of No. 274, The Peak, was to-day fined \$10, for parking his car beyond the white line in Pedder Street car park on January 18.

A summons against Gunner Shepherd, of the Royal Artillery, was dismissed by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, owing to lack of evidence.

He was summoned for failing to stop after a collision with another vehicle in Stubbs Road on January 18.

It was alleged that car No. 4608 was coming down from Stubbs Road at about 3.30 p.m. that day, when, on rounding a corner, it collided with defendant's car coming from the opposite direction.

## "SHE IS NO SPY" --SISTER

A sister of Miss May Louisa James, Englishwoman accused by the Germans of sending messages to Britain by short-wave radio, told a London reporter: "The charge is utterly fantastic."

Warden of the British-American Y.W.C.A., Miss James could have escaped before the Huns entered Paris — but she chose to stay at her post there.

"It is my duty to stop. There are girls here who need looking after," she told a chaplain.

Now she lies in a German military gaol accused of espionage — and the Huns have already sentenced to death two Englishwomen they had seized on charges of spying.

Miss James's sister, Mrs. Lister Knight, of Knowle, Budleigh Salterton, Devon, said:

"It is awful to realise what she is going through. But there must be a great number of people in Paris who will do all in their power to help.

## Her Last Letter

"My sister has been head of British-American Y.W.C.A. for over eleven years. She has friends all over the world.

"Since the war began I heard frequently from her. But the last letter I received was two days before the fall of France.

"I begged her not to leave it too late to get away from Paris. Her refusal means only one thing — her devotion to her work remained unshaken."

"The suggestion that she had in her possession radio transmission equipment is utterly fantastic. She had her own work and nothing would cause her to deviate from it."

The two Englishwomen sentenced to death by the Huns are Winifred Marle and Florence Frickard. Reports from Paris stated that the death penalty on Miss Marle may be commuted.

## SEQUEL TO CAR CRASH

MR. J. BARNETT, OVERSEER IN THE WATER WORKS DEPARTMENT, WAS SUMMONED BEFORE MR. H. G. SHELDON, K.C., AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING FOR DRIVING CAR NO. 2898 WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRINK IN WONGNEICHEONG ROAD.

Defendant pleaded guilty. Traffic-Sergeant Youe said that at about 8.45 p.m. on January 18, a police reservist on duty in Sports Road near Wongneicheong

## GERMAN BOMBS KILL ITALIANS

A large number of Italian prisoners lost their lives when a merchantman evacuating prisoners from the Libyan coast was attacked by two enemy planes, believed to be German, an Admiralty communique stated in London yesterday.

The ship, which was attacked on Friday, January 31, was hit and sustained some damage.—Reuter.

## CHILD SKATERS WARNED

Five Portuguese children, including a girl, were summoned before Mr. E. Himsworth at the Kowloon Juvenile Court this morning for skating on the public footpath at Hillwood Road at 5 p.m., on January 17.

The children all pleaded guilty, including one who was represented by his father.

Inspector A. S. Johnson, prosecuting, stated that they were summoned owing to numerous complaints by pedestrians.

Registering a caution against all children, Mr. Himsworth said:

"You children and you parents who are representing your children must realise that skating on footpaths is not only dangerous to pedestrians but also a source of annoyance. People do not want to keep on dodging skaters who cannot stop at a moment's notice."

"Footpaths are constructed for people to walk on so they will be safe from traffic. So if you want to skate you can do so on the roads but I do not advise this for it will be dangerous for you."

"I do not want to be a 'spoil sport' and prevent you from skating, which is a healthy sport, but you must skate in the proper places such as children's playgrounds."

## JAPANESE FABRICATION

Inquiries of official circles in Chungking fail to substantiate Japanese reports alleging that the Communist Party in Yenan had presented demands to the National Government regarding the recent disbandment of the Fourth Army. — Central News.

Road, heard a crash. He found private car No. 2898 on the pavement with the front part against a telephone post. Accused was in the car.

Defendant was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital, and examined by Dr. Dean Smith, who certified that defendant was drunk at the time when he arrived. A fine of \$150 was imposed.



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## HITLER AND ROOSEVELT

Despite all the mystery of Hitler's present diplomatic occupations, his problem may be simply stated. He is faced with three chief walls of resistance standing between him and his ambition of world dominion.

The first and least substantial is France. Her opposition is composed of an unreadiness on the part of at least some of her rulers to perform the Nazi bidding without question. Having surrendered their army, this distaste on the part of the men of Vichy would count little against the German threats of force, were it not that France has recently acquired three bargaining counters which grow more precious with each new collapse of Italy. Weygand's presence in Africa, the absence of part of the French fleet from the Mediterranean, and finally the growing resentment of ordinary Frenchmen against their conquerors constitute together the French wall of resistance. It is not impenetrable. Treachery in Vichy, guile in Paris, together with a ruthless display of German power, might at any moment open considerable breaches in it. However, Hitler must batter down this first wall before he can hope to possess the best conditions for an assault on the second.

Britain is the second wall, yet even while Hitler mobilises his machines for a new and more terrific attack against us, he must still take account of the third. That third wall—America's machine power—is not yet built, although it promises later to become formidable enough. He must bash down the second while the workmen on the third are still engaged and can be caught unprepared. Yet a man in America understands the process as well as Hitler. He realises that only if Britain's wall stands will he have a chance to build his own, and he sends bricks and mortar to bolster the one barrier which can give him time to make his own construction.

Hence the outburst of hostility towards the United States by Hitler. Hitler is stung to fury by the quiet resolve with which President Roosevelt soldiers more surely the Anglo-American alliance. Yet even in his tantrums he does not lose his guile. By his threat of

EVENING was darkening as I looked down from the London-Portugal flying boat and saw the scrambled necklace of twinkling lights about Lisbon's superb harbour. I was homeward bound to America, and I caught my breath at this sight of the lamps of peace after 14 months in war and darkness.

The steward nudged me and pointed. "Friend there—enemy there."

A small cluster of lights hung in the sky to starboard—the Atlantic Clipper from New York, poised above the last free port in Europe. To the right of the Clipper moved the dark blob of a landplane seeking earth.

"Plane from Berlin," the steward explained. "Just started an air line to Lisbon two days ago. Forty young Arvan 'tourists' were passengers on the first trip."

When I entered the Palace Hotel in Estoril, the resort oasis 15 miles down the beach from Lisbon, I realised that luck had tossed me into the espionage centre of World War II. Low-toned conversations go endlessly on in the bar and in the long, dim lobbies. Germans, Italians, Britons and Spaniards sit in great overstuffed chairs while they gather reports of their spies, and watch each other. Among them, probably the fate of Portugal will be decided. The mild, honest Portuguese have little to say about it.

Portugal is dry and poor. She has 7,000,000 people, yet she is only the size of Maine, and a third of her land is uncultivated. If her professor-dictator, Dr. Antonio de Oliveira Salazar, can steer Portugal away from war, he can go on with his ambitious effort to wipe out illiteracy, which blights half the population. He can build more of his excellent clinics, clean the leprous slums and perhaps even better the national diet.

He knows it is not his army (one division of troops without

artillery) nor his navy (six destroyers) which keep Portugal free to-day.

Franco's declining prestige would skyrocket if he would take

## Eric Sevareid

over Portugal. But Franco knows that Hitler cannot feed starving Spain. England is subsidising shipments of Portuguese food across the border in the faith that Spain will not bite the hand that feeds it. Hitler knows that the Portuguese empire in Africa, Asia and the Atlantic, a richer prize than the country itself, would fall into the hands of the British navy if the Axis seized Portugal.

Portugal owes her freedom to many things, to her position on the map, at the crossways of the Atlantic and Mediterranean trade routes; to the fact that Lisbon is the last direct point of contact with the United States for all belligerents. But perhaps the strongest reason is the fact that the spies of both sides find a free Portugal useful. The Lisbon air line, for example, is the only way Nazi-Fascist agents can get in and out of England.

Portugal has been tied to England's money and wine markets since 1703. Great Britain controls virtually all Portuguese imports and exports. The people are pro-British. But this is a dictatorship, and Salazar, with an eye on the war machine which could so easily roll over him, leans Axis-ward.

The Axis is busy and looks efficient. The German Minister is the cultured Baron Honneger, who can match Dictator Salazar's own professorial intellect. They get on

well. England's ruddy Ambassador, Sir Walter Selby, walks four miles before breakfast, but athletics bore the dictator.

There is no real British fifth column in Portugal—"that wouldn't be cricket." On the other hand, many of Portugal's secret police were trained by Himmler in Berlin. The friends they made there come to see them.

Biefurn, sinister assistant to Himmler, arrived at Estoril while I was there. We learned his identity from wise old Joseph Bech, Luxembourg's leading statesman. He'd seen Biefurn on the streets of Luxembourg the week before Hitler's army overran the defenseless Grand Duchy.

Biefurn was talking in a lobby corner with a dark, heavy, dynamic German whom America should know about. His name is Friedrich Sieburg, and he is the man who perfected modern fifth-column tactics. America may expect him when his work in Europe is done.

In Belgium Sieburg, a man of great personal charm, convinced the wealthy that Hitler would never touch their land. In Paris, he laid the groundwork among the "200 families" for the notorious Otto Abetz who followed. He wrote a book to flatter the French, called: *Dieu, est-il français?* (Is God French?). He has now written an equally flattering book about Portugal's once glorious empire and present culture. Hardly an influential Portuguese has escaped his suave attentions.

He made one break. When at a banquet he proposed a glowing toast to the Führer, one tough old Lisbon journalist abruptly sat

down. Sieburg turned scarlet, and burst out in German, "You are too small to be defiant!" He meant Portugal itself. Next day he sent profuse apologies. So far, Lisbon's press is carefully neutral.

As Biefurn and Sieburg conferred in the lobby, these men strolled a few feet away: Bech, once Premier of Luxembourg; Pierlot, last Premier of Belgium; Camille Chautemps, once Premier of France; aged Paderewski, first President of Poland. Each man had seen his nation undermined by Sieburg's fifth column, seized by the Nazi army, ruled by Biefurn's Gestapo.

That very day a man had come in to reserve a suite for their latest victim—deposed King Carol of Rumania.

Fascinated, I watched from my corner. Sieburg coolly glanced up as each man passed. The refugee statesmen did not turn their heads, nor speak to one another. I ached to introduce Biefurn to the burly, sprawling Russian asleep in the opposite chair—Dr. Lazovet, who helped kill Rasputin and drove his body to the river.

One morning at nine, the German passenger plane roared alarmingly low over the Palace Hotel. I asked a waiter why the pilot should go off his course? to do this. "We think it's to get us used to the Swastika," he said. "The first time he did it, the visa line at your consulate grew much longer."

Twenty thousand German, French and Belgian refugees mill around in Portugal, waiting for American visas. The Portuguese, to their everlasting credit, treat them kindly, often take destitute mothers and children into their homes.

But the refugees are nervous and depressed. They watch with longing as the American Export boat slips from harbour, and the Clipper wings toward the west. They are trapped. There is no "green frontier," as they call any border they can sneak across. Only the ocean. There is but one key to unlock this massive door of escape—the American visa.

They talk of nothing but immigration, quota numbers, our young vice-consuls—all-powerful gods to them. They are sick of each other. Men who shared bunks in concentration camps avoid one another in Lisbon's jangling streets. The poor refugees droop over sidewalk cafe tables, munching cold Portuguese beans with their beer. Daily the same routine: the general delivery window to ask for a letter; the American consulate; the newsstand to speculate on Hitler's next move; back to the corner cafe, then listlessly to bed.

Some have given up, drifted back into the barren hill towns and "gone native." Others read of our draft law, and get a bright idea. They have fled war consistently so far; now they offer to "volunteer in the American Army." This is a humourless joke to our harassed diplomatic staff, which spends exhausting hours checking the papers of the endless line of refugees.

Rich refugees from Biarritz scurry with little black bags from bank to bank, buying and selling money. At night they crowd the roulette tables at the Estoril casino. They edge over to an American consul and strike up conversation. They have bribed their way across many borders and cannot believe that money doesn't talk with American officials, too.

One night in a corner of the gaming room, I recognised first a pair of ill-fitting trousers, then the German Socialist to whom I had given them before he escaped from an Alpine concentration camp with Lion Feuchtwanger, the famous author.

He had been a mild little man, a teacher and writer, when Hitler came to power. He had since fought in Spain for his ideals, had clutched the Pyrenees carrying a sick refugee child in his arms. He was hard now, and quite without fear.

We left the smoky room, and sat on the rocks where the surf pounded.

He, too, awaited his visa. He was on Thomas Mann's list of 120 refugee writers considered worth a special effort to save. He was tranquil. He never read the papers any more. If the Nazis came—all right. They would never get him, he said.

I felt I must tell him whom I had seen in the Palace Hotel.

He turned, and in the darkness I could see the flashing whites of his eyes.

"Sieburg here?" he said. "That means the kiss of death. Tomorrow I will make some acquaintances among the Portuguese fishermen who have boats in the harbour."

# On Sweeping Statements

Recently I had the good fortune to be carried by business into the heart of the Highlands. A peering accident, but should I not have brought oilskins? I was somewhat in bondage to sweeping climatic statements, and so imagined Loch Tay in November as a grey crevice in grey hills themselves as watery as the pool below. At such a season, I feared, it would be a dark journey to a dark place, a slow, chill, and comfortless invasion of a misty wilderness, with little to see of that Grampian glory which the summer so nobly unfolds.

Yet my forecast was wrong from start to finish. My train was warm, strictly punctual, and comparatively empty. (To sit in a punctual and empty train is a pleasure now unknown in many Southern parts, and seemed to me as exquisite a bliss as travelling in the height of "de luxe" to the old, sweet playgrounds of peace.)

Not even a flaming sunset can turn a Highland town into a rose-red city, even though it be half as old as the Ice Age and the mammoth. Stone is stone and wears its honest hue, but in Killin even the sober-suited Kirk of Scotland appears architecturally in a surprise. Its house of worship is white and graceful as a flower, and answers with an equal radiance the snows on the surrounding crags. Ben Lawers, the central bastion of all Scotland and, by some glacial accident, most richly Alpine in its herbs and blossoms, was now well covered with snow upon its upper quarters. As I left this very colourful country I saw the sun pounce through the clouds on Lawers's shimmering summit and kindle a white November radiance in mid-sky, such as I had once beheld upon Parnassus on an April day in Greece. This I watched, furthermore, through a double rainbow, the inner member of which was both complete and inexpressibly bright. The terminus of

action should America. That said, we may justly gain satisfaction from this. Both President Roosevelt and Hitler show that they have the same understanding of this war; they both know how big a part America must play in the battle.

these twin, tremendous arches seemed to earth their fantastic glitter within a hundred yards of my departing train.

I am not saying that a rainbow is the acme of beauty. It might be dismissed by some as Nature's exhibitionism, a trick of almost vulgar display, heaven's dabbling in coloured photography. But my

## By Ivor Brown

point is not the beauty, but the brilliance. Grey Scotland indeed! Bleak November! There were two sweeping statements swept aside. Hollywood, with all its newest magic, could not have spilled the paint more amply. Any Tayside crofter, looking upward from his turnip-field, could justly have murmured, "Whaur's your Glorious Technicolour noo?"

My journey was a happy one and encountered all the cordiality which the English as a rule deny to the Scots. Yet, curiously, on my return I found a letter from an armurer who has come out of England's gentle middle west to guard the waters of Scotland's harsh north-east. Or harsh at least he found the land, the people glum and hostile, and the old, familiar epithet of "dour" merited by the sorry welcome that he met. (At the same time he himself admitted that he had been happily at home in earlier days with charming people in other parts of Scotland.) I had set out to find Tayside in November a dripping desert blanketed in mist and had discovered autumn fires and a rainbow radiance instead; he, looking for Caledonia affably cordial, had found it disagreeably stern and wild.

The moral of this is never to make a general statement about peoples and places—that is, if truth be the object. Mr. Hamilton Fyfe recently wrote a most cogent and salutary book about the folly of attaching ethical labels to national groups; he quoted chapters and verses by the score to show that the British had generalised in every possible (and contradictory) way about the virtues and, more commonly, the vices of their neighbours, whose moral characteristics appeared to vary most obligingly according to the needs of diplomacy. It would not be difficult to compile a similar record of violently conflicting judgments about places and climates. Our own climate, in particular, has been most vigorously cured for its churlishness and blessed for its kindness. So much depends

on chance, so much on last impressions. I might have found mid-Perthshire plunged deeper in a soaking mist than ever were London and Manchester gulfed in their particular brands of "smoky, choky fog." Rolling stones may gather no moss; likewise, sweeping judgments collect no verity.

Yes, but how far is truth the ideal in conversation or the brighter forms of composition? That is the essential point. If we are to be scrupulous beyond fault in our pursuit of truth we shall say very little, which may be well, and what we say will be so hedged about with qualifications as to be exceeding dull, which is ill. I have an acquaintance who has all this regard for accuracy. Tell him that it is a fine day and he will probably reply, "If by day we mean the twenty-four hours beginning last mid-night, and by fine we mean that the temperature has averaged sixty-five, with three hours of continuous sunshine, I cannot agree." The fellow is, I fear, justly regarded as being both whimsical and tedious in his lust for accuracy. His zeal for truth makes one the more crave that admixture of the lie which so often does undoubtedly give pleasure.

And pleasure, after all, is a legitimate object of conversation. It is the business of religion, philosophy, and scholarship to pursue the truth without surrender to the wayside lures of easy generalisation, effective over-emphasis, and smart, seductive epigram. But let us admit that the spinning of theories, amid which, incidentally, truth may always break in, is a proper exercise of our mental faculties, and that to make a sweeping statement, however dubious, may begin an argument which is great entertainment.

We must be austere indeed if we deny ourselves all joy in scoring a point, albeit by a quibble. It would be dangerous to say that truth is a good servant but a bad master. We want its mastership of our minds, but only in the sense of a suave, tactful, and constitutional monarchy. The tyranny of exactitude could be a grave oppression, but the danger of such a dictatorship is small in this world of slogans and propaganda. Let us salute the truth, but let us not be morbid or slavish in our obedience. There are times when a sweeping statement gives such pleasure as to justify the flourish of that mental broom. Without it we might cease from mental strife, and how bare would life be then!



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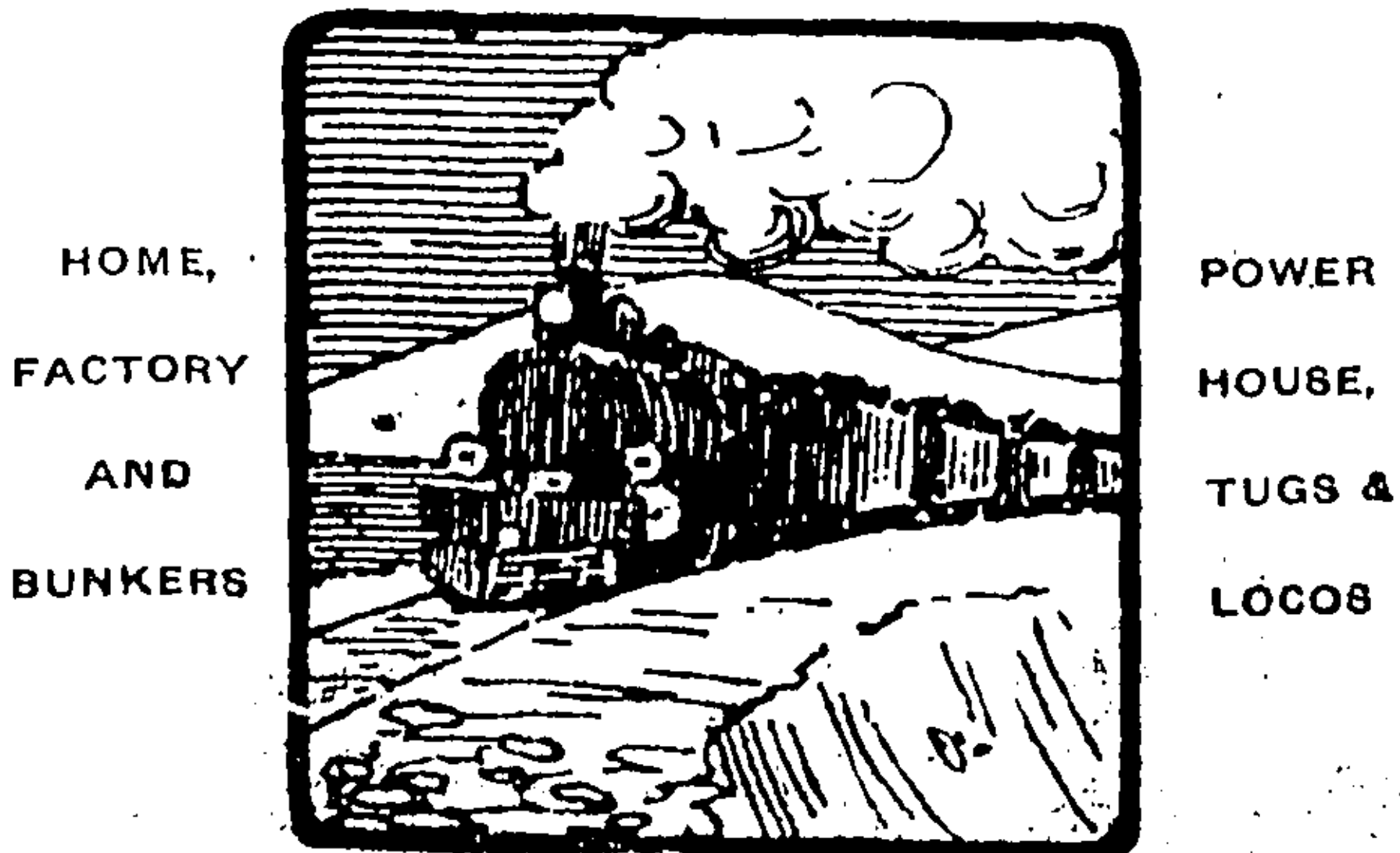
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# SPITFIRE PILOT'S DRAMATIC CLASH OFF ESSEX COAST

A GERMAN BOMBER SHOT DOWN IN THE THAMES ESTUARY OFF THE ESSEX COAST YESTERDAY AFTERNOON WAS SO BADLY DAMAGED BY FIRE FROM A CANON-EQUIPPED SPITFIRE THAT FLYING PIECES OF WRECKAGE COMPLETELY BLINDED THE SPITFIRE'S PILOT WHO HAD TO DIVE CLEAR OF THE DEBRIS IN ORDER TO ENSURE HIS OWN SAFETY.

The raider was a twin-engined Heinkel. It was sighted at 3,000 feet by the Spitfire pilot who was flying 1,000 feet below.

The Spitfire climbed up and crept to within 50 yards of the German plane and the pilot opened fire. "The result was amazing," he said. "I hadn't given him more than a two-second burst when pieces of the bomber flew off like chips from a log and so blinded me that I had to stop firing and dodge out of the way."

"When I could see again the bomber was on the way down and two of the crew had baled out. I had a good look as it was going down and the fuselage had some terrific holes in it."

The raider's crash into the sea was confirmed by the leader of another section of Spitfires in the vicinity.

He also saw two members of the crew bale out and fall in the sea.

### "All To Pieces"

In the excitement of combat the Spitfire pilot left the radio transmitter in the "on position," and listeners at base plainly heard such shouted exclamations of triumph as "Got him," followed by a pause, and then "Hell's bells, he's all gone to pieces."—Reuter.

## KING'S MESSAGE TO GREECE

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE HAS BEEN SENT FROM KING GEORGE TO THE KING OF THE HELLENES: "I HAVE LEARNED WITH DEEP DISTRESS OF THE DEATH OF GENERAL METAXAS."

Greece has lost one of her greatest sons who will be mourned in my country as sincerely as in Greece. I offer you heartfelt sympathy in the cruel blow which has fallen so suddenly on the Greek people."

A reply received from the King of the Hellenes read: "Your sympathy on the great loss I have suffered touches me very deeply. It was a cruel blow which has fallen so suddenly on my people and myself. The sincere participation of your country in our distress encourages us in our determination to carry on with the same spirit until the victorious conclusion of the war."—British Wireless.

## CANTON QUARANTINE

Reports that the Japanese authorities in Canton have lifted cholera quarantine restrictions as from the beginning of this month, are unfounded. The "China Mail" was authoritatively informed this morning.

Reports published to this effect were described as premature.

The "China Mail" is, however, informed that the restrictions may be lifted at any moment.

## DEATH OF MAHMOUD PASHA

Condolences of the British Government on the death of Mohammed Mahmoud Pasha, which robbed Egypt of one of her wisest and most enlightened statesmen, have been conveyed to the Egyptian Government, says a British Wireless message from London.

## JAPANESE LOSSES IN HONAN

The Japanese troops in southern Honan have suffered serious losses.

The central column attacking Siping on the Peiping-Hankow Railway have been subjected to heavy pounding and their casualties number thousands.

The Japanese column pushing north from Shang'sai have suffered many surprise assaults and were reported to be fleeing south yesterday.

Severe fighting raged for five days at Sianghokwan and Shang-tien. The Chinese captured more than 100 heavy and light machine-guns, 1,200 rifles and 300 army horses. Thousands of casualties were inflicted.

The Japanese pushing westward from Paoanyi to Fancheng have been routed, and the Chinese have re-occupied Fancheng, Paoanyi, Tushuchen and Chao-chukang.

Shangfengho, north of Wuyang, was recaptured by the Chinese last night. Chinese troops are now closing in on Wuyang.—Central News.

## CHINESE OCCUPY CHANGING

Chinese troops succeeded in forcing an entry into Changning on the west bank of the Taihu Lake on January 31. Areas to the west and south of the city were occupied at dawn.

Heavy casualties were inflicted upon the Japanese during fighting in the main street leading to the north city gate.

## AMERICAN RED CROSS ASSISTANCE

Fifteen members of the American Field Ambulance, some of whom saw service in the last war, have arrived in Capetown, says a report from London this morning.

## MURDER BY PANCAKE: EX-CHEF HUNTED

PITTSBURGH POLICE, investigating the mass killing of 12 men by poisoned pancakes, are seeking a 6ft. former chef at the Salvation Army centre where 60 destitutes sat down to a deadly breakfast.

He was dismissed from the centre three weeks ago and vowed to get even.

Preliminary investigation showed that 10lb. of insect killer were mixed in the flour from which the pancake batter was made.

The dismissed chef was last seen in Philadelphia. His successor, who made the pancakes, is himself among those poisoned, but is expected to recover.

Men began to topple over soon after they had finished breakfast. When the police arrived they found 30 men lying twisting in agony on the floor. Some were unconscious.

Four men died soon after the police arrived, two more a little later, and a further six were dead before nightfall.

## FACTORY GOES UNDER GROUND

As 200 beat-the-blitz girls went to work in a London factory, Miss Eva Butlin, thirty-six-year-old charge-hand, said: "Night work has solved their raids' problems; they are glad to be here instead of crouching in shelters."

The secret is that the factory has gone underground and is itself practically an air-raid shelter.

The girls believe it to be the first of its kind because it has been built only since their original factory was bombed some weeks ago.

When they saw the old two-storey building in ruins they thought their jobs were gone. But the £15,000 air-raid shelter in the old building had saved the lives of the men night workers, and that gave the managing director an idea.

### Installed Plant

He put the men on to clearing the site and salvaging what they could from the debris, and set the girls to work in the air-raid shelter. The girls helped to install plant. While the men helped to build a new factory.

This was made like the air-raid shelter, mostly underground and in sections. Each unit is self-contained, measures 50ft. by 4ft., with the highest point 14ft. from the ground. The ceiling is one foot of reinforced concrete, and there are interior safety walls of fifteen-inch brick.

The building is guaranteed to stand a direct hit from a bomb up to 250 lb., and the design ensures that few would be hurt even by a direct hit from the heaviest bomb. Production could continue if any unit were destroyed.

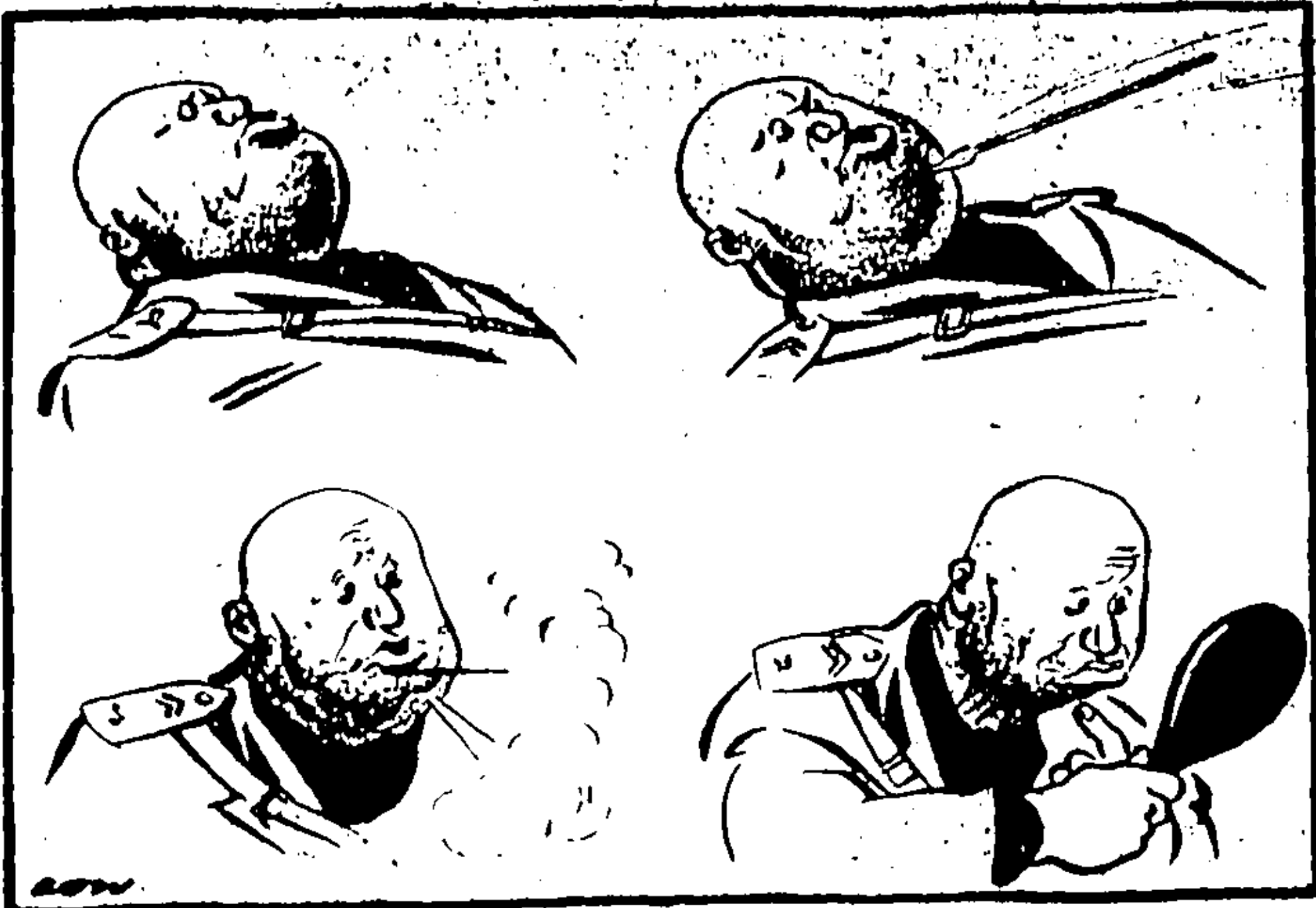
When the girls saw the idea they at once asked to work nights. Three hundred men now work the day turn. Soon all the 800 on the old payroll will be back at work.

The girls have music to drown the noise of the barrage, and their rest periods total two hours. Air conditioning eliminates underground fuz.

Miss Butlin says: "They finish work, have time for a sleep, and still have the afternoons to themselves. They've beaten the blitz."

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Tse, Chiu, Hung, merchant, of No. 334 Nathan Road, to Miss Ho, Sui, Mui, of No. 513, Nathan Road.





SAD TALE OF A PUNCTURED CHIN

## LOVE DEFEATS SWASTIKA

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

A wedding cake stood on the table of a little home in Brittany; nearby a pretty lace cap lay carefully packed, ready to wear. . . The wedding of Madeleine and Jean had been arranged.

That was months ago, when France collapsed, and Jean, twenty-three-year-old French sailor, came home on leave to wed the girl of his dreams.

Rather than live under the shadow of the swastika they decided on a bid for freedom and started out on a perilous journey to England the day they should have been celebrating in the little Brittany village.

With another young couple, Rene, also a sailor, and his fiancée, Yvonne, who were to have been married a few days later, they sailed for forty-eight hours in a small fishing boat before they were picked up by a larger French vessel making for an English port.

### Fairy-Godmother

On their arrival they were separated. The men were held for interrogation, the girls sent to an internment camp.

Hearing of their plight, the French widow of an English soldier, who died in the last war, adopted the two girls, giving them work in a London club, the Cercle Francais, which she has started for General de Gaulle's Free French forces.

It was in the club one evening that the couples were reunited. Now, at Caxton Hall Register Office, Madeleine, who is twenty-one, and Jean have just been wed.

"We had hoped for a double wedding," a reporter was told by Yvonne, which is the two girls' name for the fairy godmother who brought about the reunion. "But Yvonne is ill and her fiancé cannot get leave."

### MR. BALFOUR'S BUNGALOW ROBBED

Clothing, valued at \$250, was stolen from a bungalow occupied by Mr. S. F. Balfour, at Aberdeen on Sunday.

## JERRY'S GOOD DEED

A Kent poultry-farmer recently lost many hens to a mysterious night raider, and, having called in the help of the local "Experts," decided that the culprit was a badger.

A hunt was arranged and traps were set, but the thief was too smart for his enemies and, until Jerry took an unconscious hand in the game, got away.

One night a time-bomb was dropped in one of the farm fields. When it exploded some time later, the crater was found to be much smaller at the top than at the bottom, making a perfect "bottle."

Next morning the farmer found that his enemy the badger had fallen into the hole!

## H.K.V.D.C. MEMBER CAUTIONED

THE CASE IN WHICH Lee Ping-pui, of the Asia Life Insurance Company, was summoned for failing to comply with an order of the Commandant of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, requiring him to attend Volunteer Headquarters on December 19 to explain his failure to attend Camp, was concluded before Mr. E. Himsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when accused was convicted and cautioned.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Crown Solicitor, who appeared on behalf of Colonel H. B. Rose, the Commandant, previously stated that accused failed to attend Camp from December 5 to December 12, following which a letter, issued by Captain E. N. Thursby, was sent through the post to accused requiring him to attend Headquarters (Capt. Thursby) at 5.30 p.m. on December 19 to explain his failure to attend Camp.

The Crown Solicitor alleged that accused completely disregarded the order by failing to report to Captain Thursby and by failing to attend Camp.

At the previous hearing, accused alleged that he went to Headquarters at the appointed time and saw Lt. C. Austin, the company commander, and showed him a letter (his explanation for being absent from Camp). As Lt. Austin, alleged accused, said nothing, accused left Headquarters without seeing Captain Thursby.

### Lt. Austin's Evidence

Giving evidence this morning, Lt. Austin stated that, on the day in question, he had not seen accused at Headquarters, and if ap-

peared had visited him he would have brought him to see Captain Thursby.

Witness admitted that accused had previously (probably on December 14) seen him and showed him the letter, which was written by accused on December 10.

In the witness box, accused still maintained that he reported to Lt. Austin on the day when he noticed three other members of his Company, who also failed to attend Camp, there.

When questioned by the Magistrate whether he could recognise the three members or know their names if he wanted them to testify for him, accused replied in the negative.

After the conviction, Mr. Murphy stated that the authorities were not pressing the case against accused as it seemed that accused had completely mixed the dates when he made the allegation against Lt. Austin.

A caution was registered.

### AN OBOE STOLEN

Bandmaster Jordan, of the Royal Scots, has reported the theft of an oboe valued at \$320, from his quarters in Murray Barracks, on Sunday night.

## GERMAN FIGHTER SQUADRONS FORCED TO MOVE

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

THE R.A.F. FIGHTER SWEEPS OVER OCCUPIED FRANCE ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE MET WITH SO LITTLE FIGHTER OPPOSITION FOR TWO REASONS —

Because they surprised the German air force and because it is probable that a number of German fighter squadrons have been forced to move back from their indifferently surfaced advanced aerodromes.

A senior officer of the R.A.F. also stated in London yesterday that it was the opinion of Air Marshal Sir Richard Pense, operational leader of the R.A.F. offensive, that the lulls in the air in the past fortnight, particularly at night, have been due to the phenomenally bad weather over most of north-west Europe.

Suggestions that the Nazi lull in defensive as well as offensive action is due to energy being conserved for a "knock-out" blow are discounted in London.

Weather conditions have grounded the Luftwaffe squadrons attacking Britain which are based entirely at advanced aerodromes outside Germany.

### Huge Estimate

I gather that estimates that Germany has a fleet of 18,000 aircraft ready to launch an invasion with another 18,000 in reserve have not dismayed the British authorities.

THE TOTAL OF FRONT-LINE NAZI PLANES AVAILABLE FOR ANY MAJOR ONSLAUGHT IS BELIEVED IN WELL-INFORMED QUARTERS TO BE BUT A PROPORTION OF 18,000 — REUTER.

## APPEALS TRIBUNAL SESSION

Two appeals were heard by the Compulsory Service Appeals Board composed of the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, Brigadier A. Peffers and the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, at the Supreme Court this morning.

The appeal of Mr. H. Nish was allowed.

Mr. Nish, formerly Key Post, appealed against his being assigned to the General Group for Essential Services and stated that he was virtually single-handed in his office.

One of his two assistants was in the Royal Naval Reserve and the other was in the Naval Volunteers and would be going on sick leave in May.

It was necessary that he be present in the office at all times. He was 54 years of age.

The appeal of Mr. C. W. Whiting was not allowed.

Mr. Whiting said that he was unemployed and would like to devote all his time to seeking employment. He was formerly in the Service.

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# BRIDGE NOTES

## BLIND SPOTS By The Four Aces

If you occasionally criticise your partner for his mistakes, remember that even ranking experts occasionally strike "blind spots." To-day's hand was muffed by a very well-known player, much to his embarrassment:

South, Dealer  
Neither side vulnerable

|   |           |   |          |
|---|-----------|---|----------|
| ♠ | Q 9 8 4   | ♥ | 7 3 2    |
| ♦ | A J 9 4   | ♣ | K 7      |
| ♣ | Q J 7 5 4 | ♦ | A 10 8 3 |
| ♠ | —         | ♣ | A Q 8 4  |

West opened the five of hearts, and South saw a good chance to limit the loss to one heart trick by finessing dummy's heart nine. So he finessed the nine of hearts and gained a heart trick—

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♠ Pass 2♦ Pass  
2♠ Pass 4♠ Pass

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For East returned a trump, and there was no more balm in Gilead. If South cross-ruffed, he would make five trumps in his own hand and three trumps in the dummy; but then he would be unable to draw East's trumps and could therefore bring in only one heart trick. If South drew trumps to safeguard dummy's second heart trick, he could get only two ruffs in the dummy; so the heart trick would come at the expense of a trump trick.

If South hadn't hit a blind spot he would have noticed that taking the heart Ace at once would have made his contract ironclad. A cross-ruff from there on would have brought in all nine trumps as separate tricks.

So said a story should probably have a moral: Not even an expert can afford to play to the first trick without thinking.

Yesterday you were Merwin D. Maier's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| ♠ | J 10 9 4 3 2 |
| ♥ | 5 4          |
| ♦ | 6            |
| ♣ | Q J 9 6      |

The bidding:  
Jacoby Maier Schenken You  
1♥ 2♦ 2♠ Dbl. (?)

ANSWER: Bid two spades. Your hand is probably worthless at a diamond contract but will win about five tricks at spades. Your partner's high-card strength will raise that total—especially if he has anything in the black suits. Score 100 per cent. for two spades; 20 for pass.

Question No. 630  
To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner, and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| ♠ | Q J 10 4 |
| ♥ | Q J 10 9 |
| ♦ | K 9      |
| ♣ | K J 9    |

The bidding:  
Maier Schenken Jacoby You  
1♥ 2♦ 2♠ Dbl. (?)

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.)  
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## FIRE SWEEPS CASTLE

Castle Howard, Yorkshire mansion of the Carlisle family, has been partly destroyed by fire and many art treasures destroyed.

It is occupied by the Queen Margaret's School, Scarborough. The fire, which broke out in a bedroom in the east wing, swept along the southern side destroying the dining-room, the south entrance and a famous dome 100ft. high.

York and Malton fire brigades prevented the flames from spreading to the western and eastern wings.

# Daredevil Ted, 15, Was Hero In Bomb Blaze

(By A Special Correspondent)

DAREDEVIL FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD Ted Baldwin, at the wheel of a lorry filled with blazing bags of sawdust, drove between walls of flame to safety when a "Molotov breadbasket" fell and set fire to his mother's sawdust mill in London. When Ted had got the lorry out he went back and brought along two more.

Meanwhile, eighteen-year-old Bert Whattley, a neighbour, had opened the stable doors to release two horses half-maddened by the flames, and he and Ted brought the horses and two carts out from the inferno.

Not content with that they both went back again — this time to set free two wire-haired terriers and a watch-dog, between thirty and forty hens, and a rabbit in a hutch.

## "Wobbler" Died

Thanks to their bravery, the only casualties were about a dozen hens and Wobbler, a pet duck known to all the neighbourhood.

When the "breadbasket" fell, the Baldwin family were in their shelter.

"I dashed out," Mrs. Baldwin told me, "and saw flames all round. Some houses were on fire, but it wasn't till I turned round that I realised our mill was blazing too."

"Young Ted jumped over the wall into the yard and got into the first lorry. Bags on the bonnet and in the back were blazing, but he drove it as far as the street."

"He is always driving the lorries up and down the yard, so he had no difficulty in getting them out."

## Kept Cool

"He always was a dare-devil, and he never turned a hair."

"As he went back into the fire for the other lorries and the horses he shouted to his sister, Lil, to dial 999 for the fire brigade. They were here in four minutes, but Lil was away helping with the hens."

"Bert and I got out what we could," said young Ted, "and then we tried to put out the fire in the machine-room. The incendiaries were blazing, and our sprinkling only seemed to make it worse at first, but neighbours kept up a string of buckets, and we did our best till the fire brigade came."

# NO FARM WORK FOR CITY MEN

London office workers, who fled to the Lake District with their families when their homes were bombed, are trying to get work as farm labourers.

At Kendal Martinmas hirings they jostled with farm workers seeking to be hired in the traditional way for six months' work on Westmorland farms, and their womenfolk, in smartly cut slacks, competed for dairy work with rosy-checked country girls.

None of the London men was hired. "A country boy of fifteen is a better investment for us than an inexperienced townsman," one farmer told a reporter. "These men are willing, but it would take six months to harden them let alone train them."

Farmers are facing a serious shortage of male labour. At Carlisle hirings lads of eighteen obtained £40 for the winter term of six months. As they get free board and lodging this means for these boys pocket money at the rate of £1 10s. a week.

For every man open to an engagement there were a dozen waiting farmers.

The land girls are in growing request. But though they undertake the milking, tramp over heavy fields to feed the sheep and drive tractors they will not do housework.

The farmer's wife is puzzled. She thinks that when bad weather holds up work on the land the girls should do their bit indoors.

## OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



"Please don't cry, mother, it's just for a little while!"

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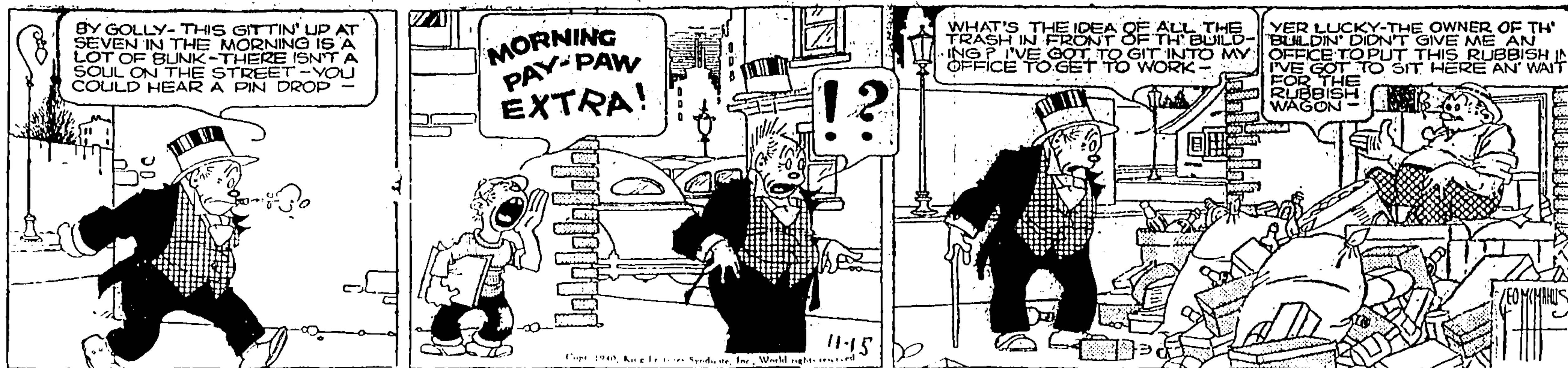
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## Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN

# Sunshine In Too Quick Doses

Sunshine, according to a well-known health authority, is highly potent, but it can also be detrimental to both health and beauty if not taken correctly.

Here are a few things that sunshine will do: "It kills germs with almost unmatched efficiency; it alleviates acne and some other skin diseases; it cures rickets and some forms of nonpulmonary tuberculosis; it produces vitamin D in the body and is therefore well-nigh indispensable to babies and adults."

But here is what sunshine will also do! "Sunlight is not pure beneficence. As everyone knows, it cause painful, blistering burns. The surest way to avoid sunburn is to stay out of the sun when it is too hot and to gradually acquire a coat of tan. Tanning gives protection against the ultra violet rays which cause the burn. The best means of getting tanned, painlessly, is by progressive dosage. Other things being equal, a good sunburn preventative will enable you to stay out in the sun two or three times as long, particularly the first few days, as would otherwise be desirable—an obvious advantage to people who do not have the opportunity to acquire protection through taking protective dosage."

### More Details

Do not make the mistake of thinking a hazy day provides protection. It may feel cooler but can cause severe cases of sunburn. Since the reaction to sunburn is always somewhat delayed, the full extent of the catastrophe does not burst upon us until too late. We



JEANNE KELLY enjoys a game of Backgammon in the sunshine —after her skin has been well anointed with a sunburn preventative.

wonder how it would have happened. It also seems a paradox that we burn in the shade. Heat rays, chiefly infra-red, make hot weather hot, but they do not cause true sunburn or tanning. Mountain climbers frequently suf-

fer from cold and sunburn at the same time. Heat rays cause temporary reddening of the skin, but are otherwise relatively powerless. The visible rays, from red to violet, have little influence on the skin. It is a narrow band of rays beyond the violet which are the trouble makers! There are three types of sunburn preventatives.

### Three Types Of Preventatives

(1) Those that deflect light or act as mechanical barriers to turn back the rays so they will not reach the skin.

(2) Materials which convert the character of the rays to render them innocuous, by altering their wavelengths.

(3) Products which exert an action on the skin itself, perhaps hardening it, to make it less susceptible to the rays—tanning agents such as tannic acid.

We are told it might be prudent to avoid products which claim they allow tanning and at the same time filter out the burn rays. . . . on the other hand, products which act as mechanical barriers may be sunburn remedies as well. All of which leads down to taking the sun with your skin well covered with a sunburn cream or lotion produced by a reliable cosmetic company.

ing, there is an ingenious horse-shoe pillow which fits around the neck, relieving it of strain and supporting your head in a most comfortable fashion. This little pillow was designed by a girl whose mother had to sleep sitting in a chair during an illness, but it is now being cherished by any woman or man who has pillow trouble. It may be used while travelling in a train, plane or car, while you are reclining in a chair or on a couch, or for a bed pillow. Just thought I would pass the news along so you might get better rest during the hours you devote to resting!



The gay young blade says as far as he's concerned dawn casts nothing but melancholy clouds upon life.

rouge which stays with you, once you put it on, almost as long as the refreshmg scent of the cologne.

### A Special Pillow

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## Entice Relaxation

No doubt you need a little period of relaxation after the rush of the holidays—and one of the best ways of getting it at home is to take a luxurious bath before you lie down for an afternoon nap or a long night's sleep!

If sun or cold weather has robbed your body's skin of all softness you will delight in knowing about a bath oil which is massaged into your skin BEFORE you shower or bathe, instead of afterwards. Its perfume is so concentrated that even after a scrubbing your skin is luxuriously scented! And enough of the oil clings to your skin to lubricate it.

Another firm, anticipating your state of nerves, offers you a floating bath mitten which contains a very fine, exquisitely perfumed soap which sweetens your bath and you. There are three soap fragrances from which to choose and one mitten may be used oodles of times before it is worn out. Between bathes you simply let it dry, and keep it away from eager fingers of the family!

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7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.  
7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.  
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal; Weather Report and Announcements.  
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8.30 p.m.—Light Classics.  
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9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: 'Scots Abroad'.  
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10.05 p.m.—Variety.  
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

## BRITISH PRISONERS OF WAR IN GERMANY ARE SO BADLY FED THAT MANY OF THEM ARE TOO WEAK TO PLAY GAMES.

Letters to M.P.s from all over the country from people whose sons and husbands are in German prison camps have revealed this fact, Sir William Davison (Con., Kensington South) told the House of Commons.

He asked the War Minister if he was aware that many prisoners at Oflag VII Camp had only the battle dress they were wearing when captured in the summer and were without overcoats.

The Minister replied that he was aware of the lack of winter clothing and was using every means in his power to remedy it.

The German Government had been urged through diplomatic channels to fulfil their obligations. In the last few days the American Embassy had been asked to make further representations.

### Eden Dissatisfied

The American Embassy in Berlin said that 1,838 parcels of food, clothes and books had been received by prisoners at the camp in the week ending October 19, and the flow was continuing.

Sir William Davison: I am told that Polish and French parcels are arriving much better than ours.

War Minister: I am dissatisfied with the conditions, hence the representations made. Mr. W. S. Morrison, Postmaster-General, said the number of parcels sent from Britain during October was 95,896.

The Red Cross reported that fifteen wagons containing 29,934 parcels have arrived at Geneva. They contain food, tobacco, medical comforts and clothing.

Fifty-six tons of clothing parcels have arrived at Lisbon and are being sent on.

### Job Now Too Big

A Political Correspondent writes: There is a great deal of uneasiness over the work of the Red Cross.

No one doubts the good intentions of that excellent voluntary organisation, but there is growing apprehension about the way it is handling some of its work.

Food parcels and winter overcoats are urgently needed by British prisoners, particularly the 1,500 in Oflag VII.

British prisoners receive the same food rations as German garrison troops, but the German stomach seems more hardened to dog, cat and horseflesh. Both quality and quantity of food supplied is below the minimum essential for good health.

It is the duty of the Red Cross Society to supplement those rations with food parcels from home. The job has now become too big for it.

There is a crying need for full-time paid experts to organise the purchase, packing and dispatch department. No breakdown in organisation should be tolerated.

## COUNTERFEIT COIN CHARGES

Six Chinese, including a woman, were remanded three days in police custody for further investigation by Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at Kowloon this morning when charged with possession of 260 counterfeit five-cent silver coins in Kowloon on February 2.

Accused were Wan Hei, 26, Wong Cheung, 26, Tam Hoi, 33, Lui Hing, 32, Chau Luen, 21, and Ng To, 29, married woman.

They were further charged with having, on or about February 2, falsely made or counterfeited 260 five-cent pieces, resembling or apparently intended to resemble the current silver coins; and with possession of two moulds for the purpose of making or counterfeiting coins.

Det.-Sgt. McPherson is in charge of the case.

Mrs. Black, of No. 34, Hankow Road, was fined \$5 by Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning for allowing her dog in Nathan Road without a muzzle or lead.

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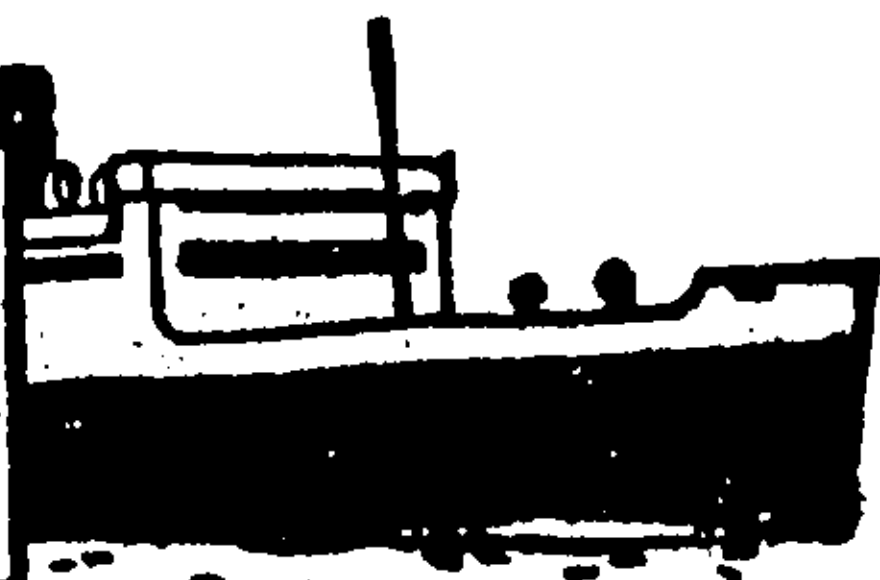
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# TAFFY WAS A BARBER... ...TAFFY WAS RAID HERO

(By A Special Correspondent)

TAFFY DAVIES doesn't look like a hero, perhaps because in his former profession — he was a hair dresser before the war — it pays to be self-effacing.

But mention his name to anyone in the London district where he lives, and no doubt will be left in your mind that he's the real thing.

## HOW NAZI WOMEN DEFEATED HITLER

Women workers, conscripted into Hitler's arms factories have forced wage concessions from the Nazi regime, says a correspondent.

Until the outbreak of war Nazi propaganda was still busy with the slogan that woman's place was in the home, although even then many female workers were engaged on war production.

During the last year at least 200,000 women have been driven into compulsory employment. The German Labour Front promised that they would receive men's wages, but it was the big industrialists, and not the Nazis, who had the last word. Accordingly, the Nazis announced that "the reform of women's wages must be postponed till after the war."

The women took a hard. Hundreds stayed away from the factories. Production began to fall. Chambers of Commerce warned the Government against relying upon the compulsory recruitment of women. Finally, last June, the Ministry of Labour announced an investigation of female wage rates in the vital iron, metal and chemical industries.

The inquiry resulted in a decree, which brought the wages of a few key women workers up to 50 per cent. of men's wages.

"Substantial restrictions in these increases," the decree stated, "are necessary to avoid the revision giving rise to a general increase in women's wages, which would inevitably disturb the stability of the general wages level. The general ban on wage increases is to be enforced with the same strictness as hitherto."

Far from being satisfied with this minor concession, the women's silent opposition continued. Recently increased wage rates are announced for women in the mining and printing industries.

## PRISON FOR LOOTING

A lot of looting is being done by respectable and otherwise honest people who are tempted on the spur of the moment, said Mr. Ronald Powell, the Westminster Magistrate.

He sentenced William Charles Mitchell (58), caretaker, of Little College Street, S. W., to 21 days' imprisonment for stealing three tins of preserved food worth 2s. 6d. from premises damaged by enemy action.

For Mitchell, it was said that he picked up the tins out of "idle curiosity" and had no intention to steal.

The Magistrate said: "I think it right to give a warning that I intend to treat cases of looting with the severity they demand."

## STOCK MARKET QUIETLY FIRM

The London Stock Exchange was quietly firm yesterday apart from gilt-edged and Indian stocks eased, in late dealings. Good demand for home rails was the chief feature, while Kaffirs were firmly held despite the reported Johannesburg incidents. Diamonds and oils improved, as well as Japanese bonds, while further small speculative buying of Europeans was seen. Wall Street was irregular. —Reuter.

An A.F.S. man, Taffy—John Llewellyn Davies—was off duty one night when a heavy bomb exploded in his street, seriously damaging a number of houses.

Leaving his wife and two children in the air-raid shelter, Mr. Davies rushed out and, not troubling about the fact that his own house had the roof off and all windows broken, made for a fire ranging about 100 yards away.

As he ran down the street a girl called to him, "Please get my Mum and Dad out!"

Dashing into the wreckage of a partly demolished house, Taffy managed to reach Mr. and Mrs. Firth and got them clear.

He had only just done so when he heard shouts from the other side of the road, where a house had collapsed.

Crawling into the debris, he forced his way to where he could see a father, mother and three-year-old boy—Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and their son Ronnie—lying on beds unable to move.

### With Bare Hands

"Luckily the wreckage had become wedged, and, although they were held down, they were not badly hurt," Mr. Davies told me. "I dug my way through and eventually got them out."

Actually, he hacked away with his fireman's axe and fought with bare hands to clear the debris sufficiently to make a tunnel through which he could crawl.

After working for an hour, later with the help of wardens, he got to the trapped family and pulled them out into the open air.

While he was working he heard Ken Taylor, the other member of the family, crying beneath wreckage in another part of the house.

He tried to get to him by moving the fallen debris, but the heap of rubble began to cave in.

Even then he would have gone on. But "the other chaps insisted on pulling me out," said Taffy. "I was nearly all in and had to let them."

He was given a glass of water, and a stretcher party got him back to his house. But he was out again within five minutes.

### "We Are Lucky"

He helped to free three more people.

Then he went through the whole street checking up the whereabouts of all the residents in case any might be still beneath the wrecked buildings.

Some people wrote to the town council expressing their admiration.

The Mayor called to thank Taffy. When Mrs. Churchill, the Premier's wife, visited the district a few days later, she asked to be introduced to the man all the people were talking about.

Said the Mayor: "We are lucky to have such a chap in the borough."

## HAINAN ARMS SUPPLIES

A large shipment of Japanese tanks and arms and ammunition has arrived in Hainan Island, according to information from military sources.

Accompanied by German military experts, Japanese officers inspected coastal defences in the western part of the Island and ordered the establishment of many observation posts. —Central News.

### WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone continues to remain stationary over China, Japan and the neighbouring seas, and is decreasing in intensity.

## CHARITY DRIVE'S SUCCESS

MORE THAN H.K. \$10,000 AND CHINESE \$30,000 HAVE BEEN RAISED BY THE SOUTH CHINA CHRISTIAN EDUCATIONAL AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION FOR HOMELESS WAR REFUGEE CHILDREN IN THE CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED IN DECEMBER.

In addition, some \$15,000 worth of wheat shipped to China for relief purposes from the United States has been allocated to the Association by Dr. John Earl Baker, Chief of the American Red Cross Relief Unit to China. The wheat, it is learned, will soon be shipped to Hong Kong.

A similar campaign for funds will be launched in Macao. The Rev. Mr. Chow Po-ching, Chairman of the Association, yesterday left for the Portuguese Colony to make the necessary arrangements.

## GIRL, 15, SAVES BOY IN RIVER

Two Girl Guides, who rescued little boys from drowning were awarded medals of merit by the Girl Guides' Association.

They are Sea Guide Peggy Durman, aged fifteen, of Lower Street Dartmouth, a member of the "Research" Sea Ranger crew, and Beryl Smith, aged twelve, of the 1st Tunstall Company, Staffordshire.

Peggy heard screams coming from a ferry slip, and saw that Gordon Physick, aged five, had fallen into the river and was being carried out by the ebb tide. She jumped in.

She is a good swimmer, states the official account, but the tide was strong and the boy is big for his age, while Peggy Durman is small. She found it all she could do to bring him ashore, swimming with him under her arm.

Beryl can swim only a little, but she saved her four-year-old brother from drowning in a lake when he imitated boys who were diving.

## JAPANESE AUNT SALLY

"THE CHUNGKING GOVERNMENT HAS ASSEMBLED AN AIR FLEET OF 2,000 FIGHTERS AND BOMBERS WHICH MAY SHORTLY BE SENT OUT TO BOMB 'OCCUPIED' AREAS."

This sensational statement, which bears little relation to the known facts, was made by a Japanese army officer in a speech recently in Swatow, according to Chinese reports.

The officer, however, continued that the Japanese authorities were prepared for the Chinese air attack and that A.A. batteries and other anti-aircraft equipment have been considerably increased in all Japanese "occupied" territories.

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## CRIPPLED, BUT DOING HIS BIT

Although crippled since the age of three with infantile paralysis, twenty-seven-year-old Henry James Ruddick, of Parkside Avenue, Romford, Essex, was determined to make some contribution to the war effort.

Since he has the use of only one leg, any of the fighting Services were obviously out of the question, and for a long time every effort he made to do his bit was frustrated.

A teacher of music before the war, his pupils had fallen off, his living was almost gone, and he was advised to evacuate under one of the Government schemes. But Mr. Ruddick is of different mettle.

Eventually he reached the A. F. S. headquarters, having heard that telephone operators were required.

He is now doing a twenty-four-hour shift with fit men.

"I knew I could do it, and it is great to feel that for the first time in my life I am really doing a man's job," he said.

## WAR WORK IS SO HEALTHY!

Although Birmingham is one of the hardest worked cities in the country to-day, its people are healthier than they were before the war.

In his report for 1939-40, just issued, Dr. H. P. Newsholme says that of the effect of war conditions on the city.

"The general statistics give little suggestion of any obvious damage to health, and for the greater part indicate a growth in health."

"It would be difficult to point to any one item in the mortality or morbidity list of casualties as arising even indirectly from the war."

"There were 1,031 infant deaths which gives an infant mortality rate of 60 per 1,000 births against 61 for 1938. This is equal to the lowest rate ever attained in the city."

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# THREE TEAMS FOR NOVICES

# ENTERED BOXING

## Royal Artillery's Debut Entry

## Scots Favoured For Fourth Title

By "Squaddy"

THREE TEAMS HAVE entered for the Inter-Unit Team Novices boxing competition which is being held on February 12 and 13 at Nanking Barracks, Shamshuipo.

The three competing teams are the Combined Royal Artillery, Royal Scots, and the Middlesex Regt.

This is the first season that the Bomber Fund, commencing at 8 p.m. this competition, and they might spring one or two surprises.

The draw for the above competition is as follows:

February 12—Middlesex Regt. v Combined Royal Artillery

February 13. Finals—Royal Scots v Winner of the above match

Boxing will commence at 8.30 p.m. each evening.

This season the Army have several experienced boxing judges, and referees, who have been attending a referees' and judges' course during the last month at the Garrison Gymnasium under the supervision of Q.M.S.I. Percy of the A.P.T.S.

Royal Scots who have won this competition for the last three seasons are again expected to win, although Middlesex have been training hard during the last two months, and also Royal Artillery are not to be overlooked.

LAST Saturday the Army Association Football Selection Committee met to decide their team for the Final of the Lan Wah Cup match against the Civilians in the near future.

The team will remain the same as which defeated the Chinese except for the goalkeeper's position which might have to be filled with L/Cpl. Reynolds in place of L/Cpl. Bankier who is in hospital suffering from slight concussion, sustained in the match with the Chinese on January 27, and Hossack will take his original place at inside right, where he was first selected to play but was not fit for the last match.

The Army team will be as follows:

L/Cpl. Bankier (Royal Scots) or L/Cpl. Reynolds (R.A.O.C.); Pte. Naysmith (Royal Scots) and Sgt. Fraser (Royal Scots); Cpl. Birrell (Royal Engineers); L/Cpl. Bright (Middlesex Regt.) and Sgt. Freshwater (Middlesex Regt.); Sgt. Owens (12th Hvy. Regt., R.A.); Pte. Hossack (Royal Scots); Spr. Fox (Royal Engineers); Cpl. Weir (R.A.S.C.) and S/Sgt. Duffield (Capt.) (R.A.O.C.).

Reserve:—Gnr. Lawton (5th A.A. Regt., R.A.); Bdr. Guy (8th Hvy. Regt., R.A.); L/Sgt. Craven (5th A.A. Regt., R.A.); Spr. Pelham (Royal Engineers) and Pte. Munroe (Royal Scots).

At last the Army have found a winning combination, and it is a good many seasons since this has been accomplished, and it is hoped that they will be able to continue with this successful combination.

They were well served by S/Sgt. Duffield of the R.A.O.C. as a skipper and he guided them well in the last match.

Royal Engineers were given a surprise in the Junior Shield on Saturday when they were knocked out by a Third Division side, the 38th Hvy. Bty., R.A. This is the Engineer's first defeat this season.

Royal Army Service Corps were again successful in this competition when they defeated 24th Bty., R.A. by one goal to nil at Sookun-poo on Sunday.

Royal Corps of Signals did well to hold 30th Bty., R.A., to a draw after extra time. The 30th Bty., R.A. are the holders of the Junior Shield, and have big hopes of retaining it again this season.

TO-NIGHT at the Y.M.C.A., Cpl. Harvey of the Royal Army Medical Corps will play Pereira of the H.K.V.D. Snooker Corps in a Snooker Exhibition in aid of the "South China Morning Post".

## WEEK-END SOCCER PROGRAMME

The following is the soccer programme for the coming week-end

### Saturday

FIRST DIVISION  
Sing Tao v Kowloon (Club, 4.15 p.m.)  
Club v Middlesex (Causeway Bay, 4.15 p.m.)  
Police v Royal Scots (Boundary Street, 4.15 p.m.)  
South China v St. Joseph's (Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION  
Kit Chee v Service Corps (St. Joseph's, 2.45 p.m.)  
Sing Tao v Club (Club, 2.45 p.m.)  
Ordnance v Engineers (Military, 4.15 p.m.)  
Police v Kowloon (Boundary Street, 2.45 p.m.)  
30th R.A. v Middlesex (Stanley, 2.45 p.m.)  
South China v Kwong Wah (Caroline Hill, 2.45 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION  
12th R.A. v Service Corps (Stanley, 4.15 p.m.)  
Shell v Engineers (St. Joseph's, 4.15 p.m.)  
Medicals v 35th R.A. (Military, 2.45 p.m.)

### Sunday

FIRST DIVISION  
Navy v Eastern (Causeway Bay, 4.15 p.m.)  
SECOND DIVISION  
Navy v Royal Scots (Causeway Bay, 2.45 p.m.)  
THIRD DIVISION  
36th R.A. v Signals (Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)  
20th R.A. v 7th R.A. (Sookunpoo, 2.45 p.m.)  
International v A.S.A. (Chatham Road, 2.45 p.m.)  
Air Force v 24th R.A. (Chatham Road, 4.15 p.m.)

## FOOTBALLERS AND SERVICE

So many box-office stars are in uniform that obviously the future of sport depends largely on the good will of Service chiefs, says a sports writer.

This is increasingly true in Soccer, Rugby, boxing, golf, and cricket, so the anxious controllers of these games will welcome the conference called by the Army Sports Control Board.

I can relieve the fears of Soccer and Rugby clubs may find it is going to be more difficult to rely on their soldier and R.A.F. players. Throughout the various commands, sport's plight is recognised, and it is believed there is no intention of adding to civilian club difficulties.

So long as it is realised that the first and last word on the release of a Service player must be with his commanding officer, the player will get sympathetic treatment. It will not be surprising if Soccer clubs are told they can do more to help themselves by at once notifying other clubs when they know a Service player had been moved to their area.

### Selfish Clubs

There is still a deal of selfishness operating in this respect, and it has led to attractive players sometimes being left without a Regional game.

The "players pool" idea, if all the clubs play their part unselfishly, can at least ensure there will be no shortage of first-class players.

Whether the fading Soccer public can be wooed back is another matter, but it will at least help if the crowd is assured of first, instead of second, class fare with hurriedly revised teams.

## ANOTHER WIN FOR 'VARSITY

Playing at home, University "A" beat Chinese "Y" by 8 games to one, in an "A" Division Badminton League match last night.

On the first meeting of these two Clubs, University won 7-2. P. K. Hui and H. F. Chow (University).

beat C. Au and P. H. Wong 23-20  
beat C. Y. Yung and F. Koh 21-6  
beat H. Koh and P. C. Lau 21-9

K. W. Choy and C. K. Li (University).

beat Au and Wong 21-9  
beat Yung and Koh 21-13  
beat Hok and Lau 23-20  
M. P. Yoong and Y. P. Yoong (University).  
lost to Au and Wong 20-21  
beat Yung and Koh 21-6  
beat Hok and Lau 21-2

### LEAGUE TABLE

|                | P. | L. | W. | F. | A. | Pts. |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| University "A" | 3  | 0  | 3  | 24 | 3  | 6    |
| University "B" | 2  | 1  | 1  | 10 | 8  | 2    |
| Recreio        | 3  | 2  | 1  | 9  | 18 | 2    |
| Chinese "Y"    | 4  | 3  | 1  | 11 | 23 | 2    |

### TO-DAY'S HOCKEY

Following have been chosen to represent Hong Kong Hockey Club in the quadrangular hockey tournament against Indian Army on Club ground to-day at 4.45 p.m.

Benwell, Taylor, and Bond; McLellan, Reed and N. Whitley; Smith, T. Whitley, E. Fowler, A. Guest and Morgan.

Umpire:—Tyas.

### SUNDAY'S HOCKEY

Following are the Hong Kong Hockey Association tournament fixtures for Sunday:

10.30 A.M.  
Punjabs v A. N. Other XI  
Signals v Police "A"  
Khalsa v C.B.A.  
5th A.A. "A" v Recreio  
Destroyers v University  
4.00 P.M.  
Nomads v 2/M.T.B.'s  
Police "B" v Engineers  
5th A.A. "B" v Gunboats

## GARRISON SNOOKER FIXTURES

Following are the fixtures for Garrison Snooker League:—

THURSDAY  
Eng Sgts' Mess v R.A. Station Mess  
Military Police v Engineers "A"  
R.A.P.C. v Signals "A"  
R.A.M.C. v Signals' Mess

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10  
R.A. Station Mess v Signals "A"  
Engineers "A" v Eng. Sgts' Mess  
Signals' Mess v R.A.P.C.  
R.A.M.C. v Military Police

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13  
Signals' Mess v R.A. Station Mess  
Engineers "A" v Signals "A"  
Military Police v Eng. Sgts' Mess  
R.A.P.C. v R.A.M.C.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17  
R.A. Station Mess v R.A.M.C.  
Engineers "A" v Signals' Mess  
Eng Sgts' Mess v Signals "A"  
R.A.P.C. v Military Police

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20  
Military Police v R.A. Station Mess  
R.A.M.C. v Engineers "A"  
Signals' Mess v Eng Sgts' Mess  
Military Police v Signals "A"

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24  
R.A. Station Mess v Military Police  
Engineers "A" v R.A.P.C.  
Eng. Sgts' Mess v R.A.M.C.  
Signals "A" v Signals' Mess

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27  
Engineers "A" v R.A. Station Mess  
R.A.P.C. v Eng. Sgts' Mess  
R.A.M.C. v Signals "A"  
Military Police v Signals' Mess

MONDAY, MARCH 3  
R.A. Station Mess v Eng. Sgts' Mess  
Engineers "A" v Military Police  
Signals "A" v R.A.P.C.  
Signals' Mess v R.A.M.C.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6  
Signals "A" v R.A. Station Mess  
Eng Sgts' Mess v Engineers "A"  
R.A.P.C. v Signals' Mess  
Military Police v R.A.M.C.

MONDAY, MARCH 10  
R.A. Station Mess v Signals' Mess  
Engineers "A" v Signals "A"  
Eng. Sgts' Mess v Military Police  
R.A.M.C. v R.A.P.C.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13  
R.A.M.C. v R.A. Station Mess  
Signals' Mess v Engineers "A"  
Signals "A" v Eng. Sgts' Mess  
Military Police v R.A.P.C.

MONDAY, MARCH 17  
R.A. Station Mess v R.A.P.C.  
Engineers "A" v R.A.M.C.  
Eng. Sgts' Mess v Signals' Mess  
Signals "A" v Military Police

THURSDAY, MARCH 20  
Military Police v R.A. Station Mess  
R.A.P.C. v Engineers "A"  
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### REFEREES' MEETING TO-DAY

The Monthly Meeting of the Hong Kong Football Referees' Association will be held at the Hotel Cecil to-day at 8 p.m. A talk on Soccer will be given by one of the members.

Mr. John Ball, who won the Amateur Golf Championship eight times, has died. First amateur to win the Open title and until Bobby Jones accomplished the feat, the only man to win the Amateur and Open in the same year, he was 78 years of age.



# DYING PONY DERBY HERO WINS RECORD RACE

By A Correspondent

SCOTTISH RIFLE, a pony which won the Northolt Derby for Miss Dorothy Paget, has been rescued from death's door to win a race in record time.

Sent to Malaya, Scottish Rifle was found by Captain Rufus Bowden, an Army veterinary surgeon and younger son of Mr. Arther Bowden, of Epsom, who is well known in Surrey business and sporting circles to be seriously ill and dying.

He not only restored the pony to health, but Scottish Rifle won a race in record time.

The captain was not quite aware that he had such a distinguished patient.

In a letter to his father he says he "thinks" Scottish Rifle won the Northolt Derby. He now knows enough about him to write that the colt is a super-horse.

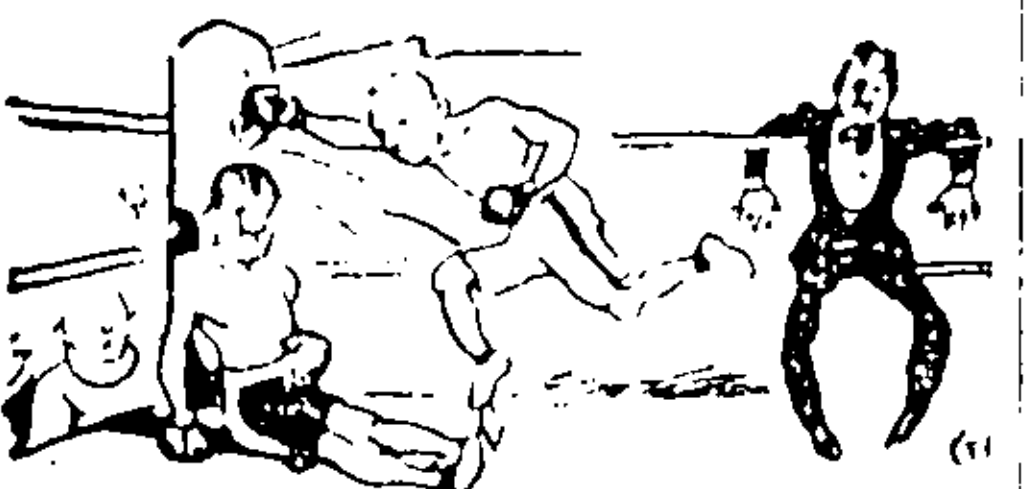
Monty Smyth, the leading pony trainer, tells me there has been a good market for English racing ponies in Malaya and the East, and fairly high prices have been realised.

## Stardust Not For Sale

An offer to buy Stardust, second in the St. Leger and "Guineas," has been made from America but has not been accepted. No offer to purchase the "Leger" winner, Turkhan, has yet been made.

Meanwhile I learn that the Aga Khan has decided to send Turkhan and Dastur to the Old Connell Stud, Co. Kildare, in the near future. Each will stand at a fee of £75. Dastur has been at stud in England for the past six years.

Both stallions were bred at Sheshoon, Co. Kildare, which is quite close to their new home.



## BOXER WHO MADE BOXING LAWFUL

Jack Roberts, British feather-weight champion of 40 years ago, who was admitted to hospital suffering from injuries caused in an air raid, has one claim to fame. The sequel to one of his fights was the ruling that boxing is lawful and was not prize-fighting.

Roberts had knocked out Billy Smith the American champion, at the N.S.C. in the eighth round. Smith died two days later in hospital.

The ruling was made following a two-day inquiry at which J. H. Douglas gave evidence.

When Roberts was fighting Wil Curley for the title at the N.S.C. three months before, members laid and accepted 1,000 to 1 against him.

He had been following his second's advice and had been taking a terrific hiding. In the eighth round he boxed "on his own" and knocked Curley out!

## LEAGUE CUP TWO-SECTION AFFAIR

The League Cup, to be played for in the second half of the English season, will remain a two-section affair.

This was the somewhat surprising statement made by Mr. Fred Howard, the League secretary, after the meeting of the Management Committee at Blackburn recently.

It is surprising because it was believed that in view of the altered circumstances a reversion to a four-section affair (as last season) was essential for the Cup's success.

England Football Association have given another £1,000 towards Army Soccer equipment.

## MACAO TEAM FOR H.K.

Macao Football Association are visiting the Colony next week and on Tuesday will meet Eastern at Caroline Hill.

As the team is staying here several days they will probably play Sing Tao on Wednesday and South China on Thursday.

The team will be accompanied by Lieut. Montalvo, president of the Macao Football Association.

G. B. Legge, former Kent captain, killed while flying with the Fleet Air Arm, held the rare distinction of having captained Oxford in his second year. He was a first-class slip.

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Football Association have decided that large numbers of affiliated clubs who have not paid subscriptions shall be readmitted to membership without payment of entry fee at end of war.

## HENRY COTTON FULLY BOOKED FOR YEAR

Henry Cotton has been booked up for 1941, but he has nothing yet settled for 1942-3 or 4. Looks like a long war.

But it is true he has three dates fixed—with the usual reservation, of course. The clubs are Sherwood Forest, Luffenham Heath, and Church Stretton.

And Henry, although now having only one free day a week in which to back his travelling as well as his match, is asking for more! Secretaries should get busy.

The Cotton matches now total £27,770, and Henry wants to make it £30,000 by the spring.

# MISS HARDWICK'S DECISION NO GREAT SURPRISE

IT WAS NO SURPRISE to hear that golden-haired Mary Hardwick has gone professional, and will make the fourth on the Budge-Tilden-Marble tour starting at Madison Square Garden.

She is handing over to America's British War Relief Fund a percentage of her earnings which will be substantial.

As an amateur she just missed championship class, possibly through sacrificing hitting power for style.

Miss Hardwick's hero was always Tilden, and she says she will be thrilled to be in active tennis with him.

"His appearance at Wimbledon in 1930 was the first big match I watched," she says.

It was Bill's last season before turning professional and this would have happened a year earlier but for Tilden, after publicly announcing his retirement, being so raw over America's Davis Cup defeat by France that he decided to have another crack at the 1930 title—just to show that Americans could still play tennis.

He won, after a memorable battle with Wilmer Allison—and only lost two sets (to Jean Borotra) on the way to the final. Bill was then 37.

## AL. PERRY JOINS UP

Friends of the 1935 Open champion, Alfred Perry, were sorry to hear that he was leaving his club at Leatherhead.

Perry has joined the Army, and went to the West country for a few weeks before his age group is called up.

People will miss his modest announcement over his shop, which proclaims him Assistant champion 1924-25, and which Alfred never troubled to have altered when he won the greatest golfing honour of all.

The Assistant's title was the first he ever won, and he was more thrilled by that than any victory in his subsequent career.

Jimmy Lyden, Bootle, beat Basil McGee, Liverpool, on points at Blackpool recently.

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# LEASE AND LEND DEBATE

## War In Six Months, Says Hamilton Fish

### OFFENSIVE PATROL IN N.W. FRANCE

Targets in north-west occupied France were bombed in the course of an offensive patrol by a small force of bombers shortly before dawn yesterday, says Reuter from London.

### 5,000 RUMANIAN ARRESTS

Five thousand arrests have been made in Rumania following a combat by police after the recent Iron Guard revolt, according to Bucharest radio yesterday.

Police are still searching for arms at the homes of persons who took part in the revolt. Over 100 lorryloads of goods looted during the revolt have been recovered by the authorities.

Bucharest radio adds that assurances of fidelity to General Antonescu are pouring in from penitent Iron Guards all over the country.

They saw they were misled by "dishonest leaders who betrayed the faith of Codreanu, founder of the Iron Guard."—Reuter.

## Bill Submitted As Defence Measure

A "PURELY DEFENCE measure" was the description applied by Representative Sabath, Chairman of the Rules Committee, formally opening the debate on the Lease and Lend Bill in the House of Representatives in Washington yesterday.

Hamilton Fish, the first Republican speaker, predicted that the United States would be involved in war in Europe within six months of the Bill being approved unchanged.

A hot discussion was initiated by Representative Dirksen, who referred to Lord Halifax' visit on Saturday to Mr. Sol Bloom, Chairman of the House Foreign Relations Committee, who afterwards stated he assured Lord Halifax the Bill would be passed without major change.

Mr. Dirksen termed this "extraordinary procedure" and demanded a report of what happened when Lord Halifax called.

### "Very Improper"

Mr. Bloom, with flushed face, replied in a tense voice that the only things mentioned were the exhibition of the Magna Charta and the procedure to be followed in Congress in regard to the Bill.

Mr. Bloom added that Mr. Dirksen's question was very improper.

Mr. Dirksen replied: "America's destiny hangs in the balance. This is a proper question."—Reuter.

### Senate Committee Begins Task

The Lease and Lend Bill would "vest in one man the decision of peace or war in this country," said Senator Philip LaFollette before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in Washington yesterday.

Senator LaFollette, twice Governor of Wisconsin, organised the National Progressives of America in 1938.

He said M. Daladier told him in March, 1939, that France expected the United States to help with money, materials and men.

"Money and materials are in this Bill and I have no hesitation in saying the President would be justified in regarding this legislation as a mandate to carry out the full implications of entrance into the war."

### Socialist Attitude

Mr. Norman Thomas, the Socialist leader, testifying before the Committee, asserted that the passage of the Bill would almost certainly be followed by the despatch of troops to Europe.

It increased the danger of the United States finding themselves involved in total war.

"The victory we should then want, namely the elimination of the power not only of the Axis but also of Japan, would logically require troops in Asia and Europe, and perhaps Africa."—Reuter.

## GEN. SMUTS WARNS THE TROOPS

A special order has been issued by General Smuts, Prime Minister and General Officer Commanding the Union of South Africa defence forces, drawing the attention of all ranks to the necessity of observing orderly conduct "even in face of frequent provocation."

The order says General Smuts views with the gravest disapproval the riotous conduct of certain members of the forces at Johannesburg on Friday and Saturday, the effect of which, whatever the circumstances, can only bring discredit upon the uniform and embarrass him.

General Smuts will take severe disciplinary action, the order continues, to ensure the maintenance of respect for authority and obedience to civil law "which is as necessary in the normal life of our cities as discipline is necessary in face of the enemy."—Reuter.

## Japs. Dig Up New Life Line

IT IS SELF-EVIDENT THAT JAPAN WILL GO FORWARD WITH HER FIXED POLICY WHATEVER ATTITUDE THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES MAY TAKE TOWARDS JAPAN'S REQUEST FOR COOPERATION IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPHERE OF COMMON PROSPERITY THROUGHOUT GREATER EAST ASIA, STATED THE "KOKUMIN SHIMBUN" IN TOKYO YESTERDAY.

The paper was commenting on the statement of Mr. Naoki Hoshino, president of the Planning Board and Minister without Portfolio.

"Establishment of a sphere of common prosperity throughout greater East Asia could not be completed without incorporating the South Sea region," Mr. Hoshino declared in reply to an interpellation at a committee meeting in the House of Representatives.

## SHANGHAI POLL ON TAX PLANS

A poll on Mr. Hayashi's amendment to the Council resolution for a 40 per cent. surcharge on Municipal taxes will be taken when the Shanghai Ratepayers' re-assemble tomorrow afternoon, according to an announcement.

The Japanese amendment, which at the last meeting was underlined by shots from Mr. Hayashi, calls for abandonment of the proposed surcharge.

Although the Japanese Ratepayers' Association decided to boycott the meeting it is still uncertain whether the decision will be followed.

Tellers appointed by the Council to conduct the poll include many Japanese.—Reuter.

He hinted that the South Sea region forms Japan's "life-line."—Reuter.

## STOP PRESS

Latest reports from the main Greek front state that the last vestiges of Italian resistance are disappearing. The advance has been resumed both in the centre and in the coastal sector with relentless pressure.

Prince Voravarn and three other Thailand delegates left Bangkok for Tokyo by air this morning. Thirteen more delegates to the peace conference are flying to-morrow.—Reuter.

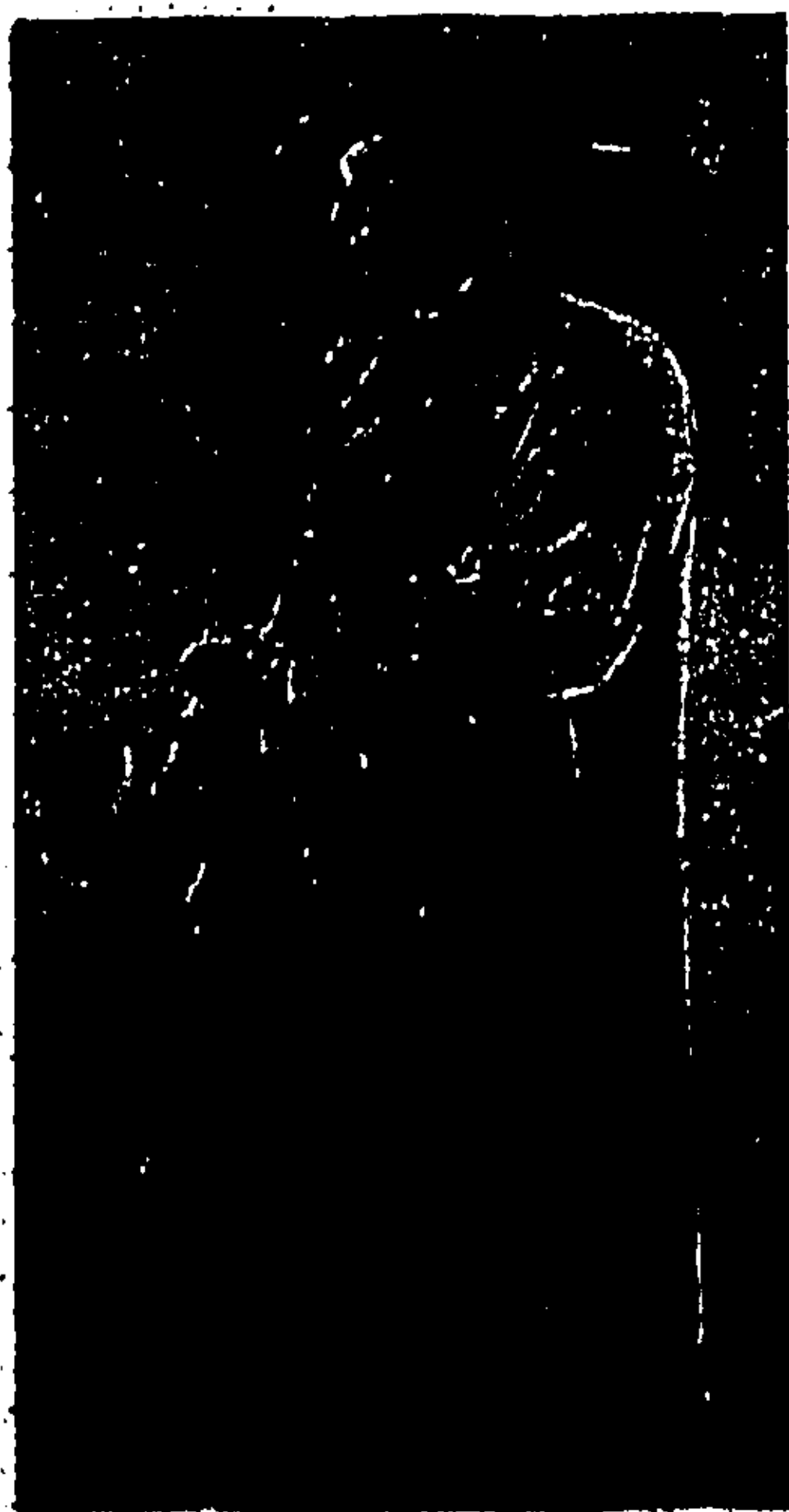
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